

Florida Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

Tort Reform Law: §766.118. Non-Economic Damages were capped at \$500,000 for practitioners; \$750,000 for non-practitioners; \$1-million for permanent vegetative state or death. Passed in 2003 but declared unconstitutional by the Florida State Supreme Court in March 2014.

Population in 2014: 19,893,297

Number of Licensed Physicians¹ in 2014: 71,024

Number of Paid Medical Malpractice claims per 100 physicians in 2014: 1.06

State Rank: 7th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners² per capita³ in 2014: \$11.21

State Rank: 19th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners per capita in 2013: \$10.36

State Rank: 18th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2014: \$9.69

State Rank: 20th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2013: \$8.51

State Rank: 20

Notes

- 1) MDs and DOs only. Many physicians are licensed in more than one State which is why the total number of physicians in all of the States exceeds the total number of physicians in the US.
- 2) All Practitioners includes MDs, DOs, podiatrists, dentists, nurses, hygienists, pharmacists, pharmacy techs, lab techs, physical therapists, etc...
- 3) Total amount paid in medical malpractice claims in the State that year/ the State's Population

Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Florida from 2003-2014

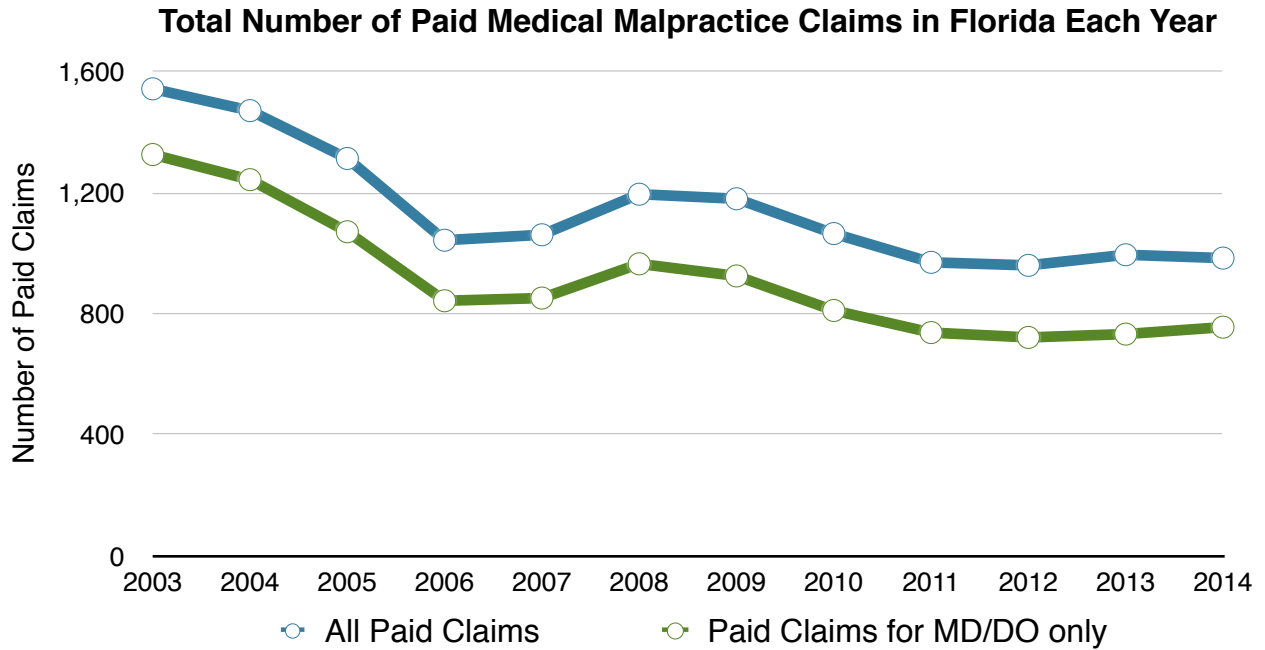


Figure 1: Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Florida from 2003-2014 for All Health Care Practitioners Combined as Well as for MD/DOs Only

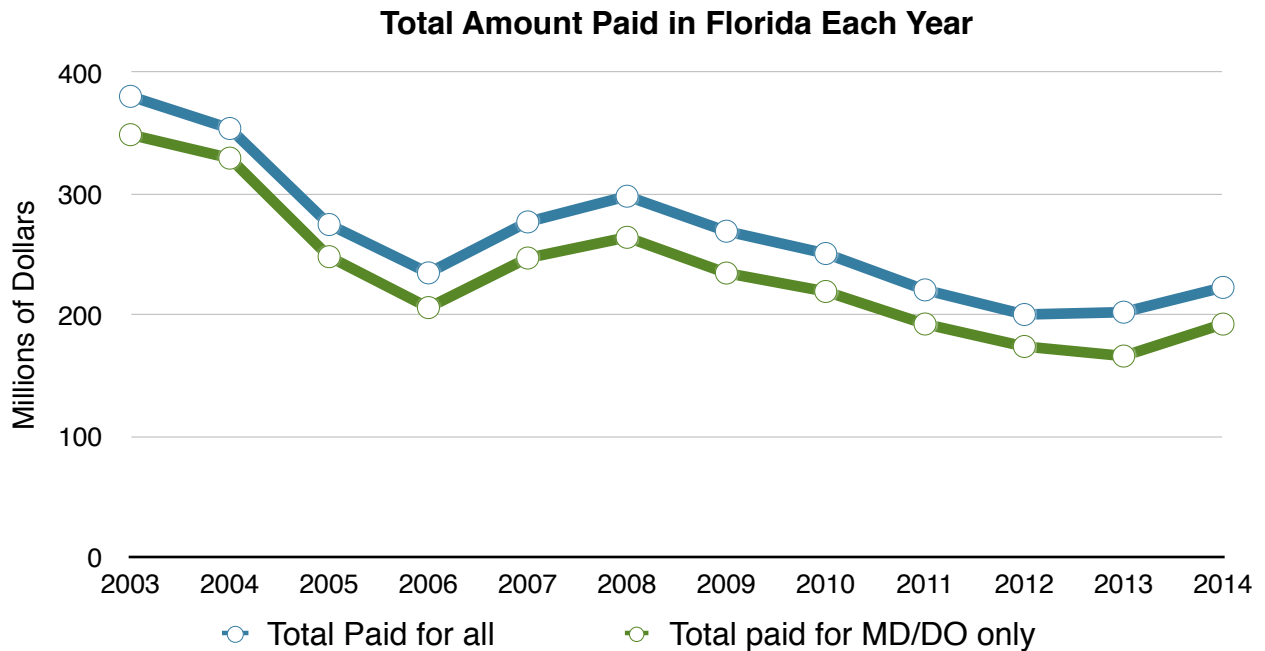


Figure 2: Total Amount Paid for All Medical Malpractice Claims from 2003-2014 for All Health Care Practitioners and MD/DOs Only in Florida.

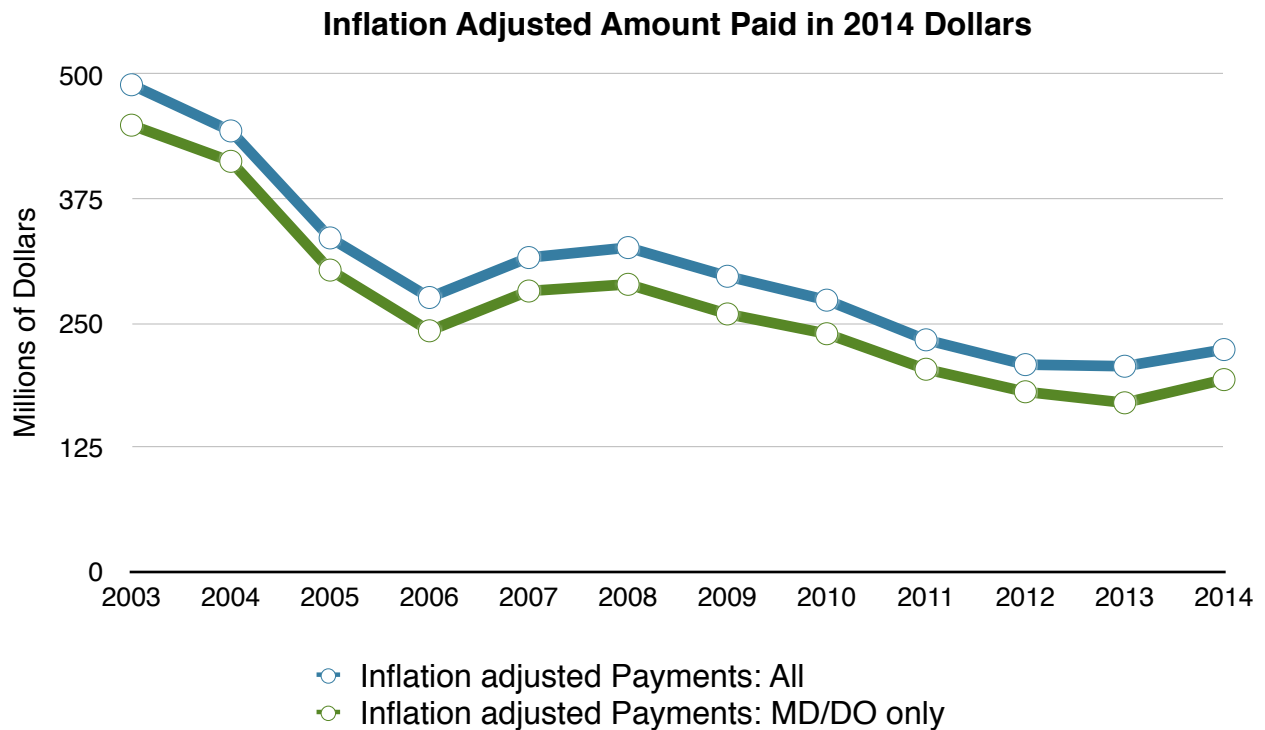


Figure 3: Figure 2 Data When Adjusted for Inflation.

Brief summary: Florida’s Supreme Court threw out their cap on medical malpractice awards in march 2014. It’s unlikely that would have any effect on malpractice costs for 2014. Time will tell if these costs go up over the next few years. In other States where this has happened, malpractice costs tend not to have gone up though.

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