Indiana Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

Tort Reform Law: §34-18-14-3. A $1,250,000 cap on total compensation for cases that occurred after 1999. Providers are liable for a maximum of $250,000 with the rest to be paid through state’s Patient Compensation Fund.

Population in 2014: 6,596,855

Number of Licensed Physicians\(^1\) in 2014: 27,206

Number of Paid Medical Malpractice claims per 100 physicians in 2014: 0.9

State Rank: 10th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners\(^2\) per capita\(^3\) in 2014: $10.76

State Rank: 20th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners per capita in 2013: $9.70

State Rank: 20th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2014: $10.38

State Rank: 18th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2013: $9.29

State Rank: 18th

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 Indiana from 2003-2014

Total Number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims in Indiana Each Year

![Graph showing the number of paid claims from 2003 to 2014 for all practitioners and MD/DOs separately.]

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

Total Amount Paid in Indiana Each Year

![Graph showing the total amount paid from 2003 to 2014 for all practitioners and MD/DOs separately.]

Figure 2: Total Amount Paid for All Medical Malpractice Claims from 2003-2014 for All Health Care Practitioners and MD/DOs Only in Indiana.
Brief summary: Indiana does have a cap on total compensation for medical malpractice awards. It doesn’t appear to have had much of an effect on their malpractice costs though. Both Indiana’s per capita malpractice costs and their paid claims per 100 doctors are above average for the US.

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