Kentucky Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

**Tort Reform Law:** None

Population in 2014: 4,413,457

Number of Licensed Physicians\(^1\) in 2014: 17,645

Number of Paid Medical Malpractice claims per 100 physicians in 2014: 0.67

State Rank: 16th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners\(^2\) per capita\(^3\) in 2014: $10.46

State Rank: 21st

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners per capita in 2013: $6.82

State Rank: 35th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2014: $8.96

State Rank: 22nd

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2013: $6.27

State Rank: 31st

**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
Figure 1: Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Kentucky 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 Kentucky.
Brief summary: Apart from last year, medical malpractice costs in Kentucky have been dropping rather steadily. Kentucky was somewhat below average in malpractice costs in 2013 but above average in 2014.

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