Michigan Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

Tort Reform Law: §600.1483. In 1994 Michigan passed a $280,000 limit on noneconomic damages; $500,000 limit on noneconomic damages for catastrophic/disabling injuries. Cap adjusts for inflation so the caps are now about $440,000 and $785,000 respectively.

Population in 2014: 9,909,877

Number of Licensed Physicians¹ in 2014: 45,703

Number of Paid Medical Malpractice claims per 100 physicians in 2014: 0.63

State Rank: 20th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners² per capita³ in 2014: $6.36

State Rank: 39th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners per capita in 2013: $6.15

State Rank: 39th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2014: $5.74

State Rank: 39th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2013: $5.59

State Rank: 36th

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 Michigan from 2003-2014

Figure 1: Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Michigan 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 Michigan.
Brief summary: Like with most of the midwestern States, medical malpractice costs in Michigan are quite low. Michigan does have a cap on non-economic damages, but it’s hard to say whether that cap has any real impact on Michigan’s malpractice costs.

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