Minnesota Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

Tort Reform Law: None

Population in 2014: 5,457,173

Number of Licensed Physicians\(^1\) in 2014: 21,855

Number of Paid Medical Malpractice claims per 100 physicians in 2014: 0.18

State Rank: 48th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners\(^2\) per capita\(^3\) in 2014: $4.24

State Rank: 47th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners per capita in 2013: $3.76

State Rank: 48th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2014: $3.65

State Rank: 46th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2013: $2.89

State Rank: 50th

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 Minnesota 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 Minnesota.
Figure 3: Figure 2 Data When Adjusted for Inflation.

Minnesota has had among the lowest medical malpractice costs in the US for over a decade in spite of not having any sort of tort reform aimed at controlling these costs.

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