Vermont Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

Tort Reform Law: None

Population in 2014: 626,562

Number of Licensed Physicians\(^1\) in 2014: 3,171

Number of Paid Medical Malpractice claims per 100 physicians in 2014: 0.25

State Rank: 45th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners\(^2\) per capita\(^3\) in 2014: $5.83

State Rank: 42nd

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners per capita in 2013: $3.18

State Rank: 51st

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2014: $4.12

State Rank: 44th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2013: $2.97

State Rank: 49th

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 Vermont from 2003-2014

Figure 1: Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Vermont 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 Vermont.
Figure 3: Figure 2 Data When Adjusted for Inflation.

Brief Summary: Vermont has no tort reform law aimed at controlling medical malpractice costs yet has among the lowest malpractice costs per capita in the US each year.

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