

# Colorado Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §13-64-302. \$1 million total limit on all damages; \$300,000 limit for non-economic damages.

Effective 1987 revised in 2003

	2012-2016 Average	State Rank
Annual Per Capita <sup>1</sup> Malpractice costs: All Providers <sup>2</sup>	\$7.38	36
Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only	\$6.04	38
Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents	23.64	37
Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians	0.53	43

Table showing the average amount paid per capita<sup>1</sup> each year in Colorado from 2012-2016 for medical malpractice claims against all practitioners as well as against physicians (MD and DO's) only. It also shows the number of paid claims per million residents and per 100 practicing physicians in Colorado those years.

Brief summary: Colorado has a rather strict cap on non economic damages in medical malpractice cases (\$300,000 for non economic damages and \$1 million for total damages). Perhaps this is why Colorado's medical malpractice costs are well below the national average. However, since the law was originally passed in 1987, the data I have doesn't go back far enough for me to tell.

## Notes

- 1) Total amount paid in medical malpractice claims in the state each year/ the state's Population.
- 2) All practitioners includes physicians, podiatrists, dentists, nurses, hygienists, pharmacists, pharmacy techs, lab techs, physical therapists, etc...

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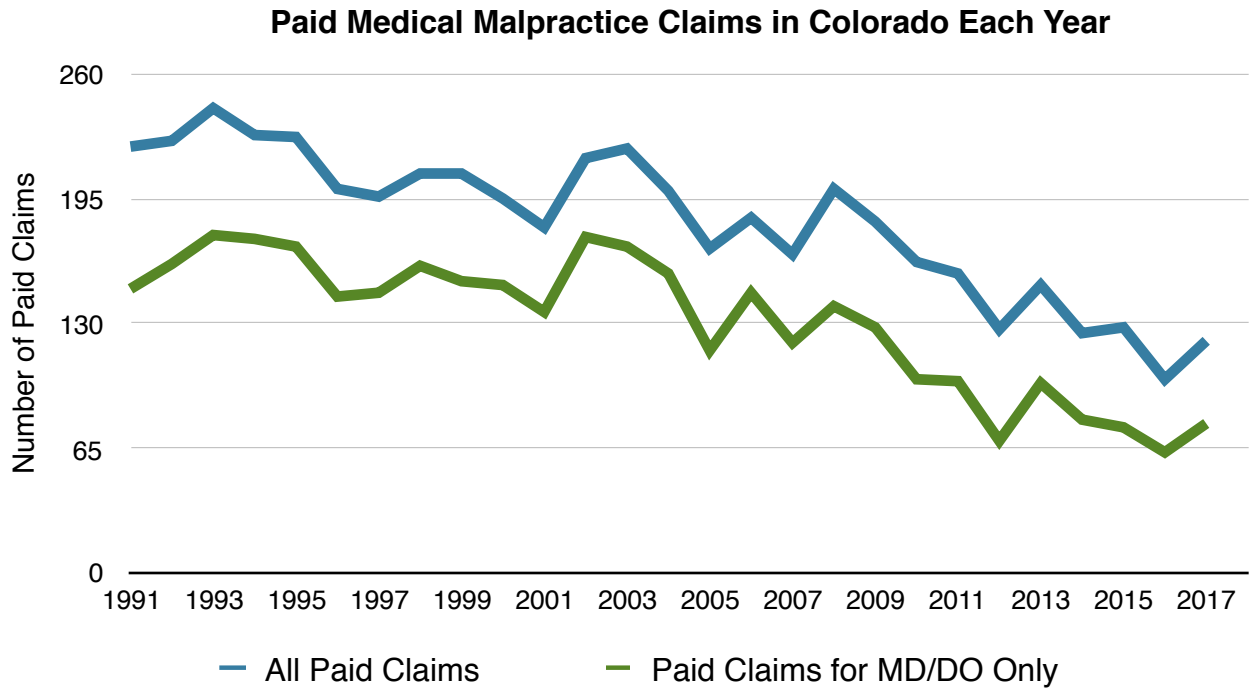
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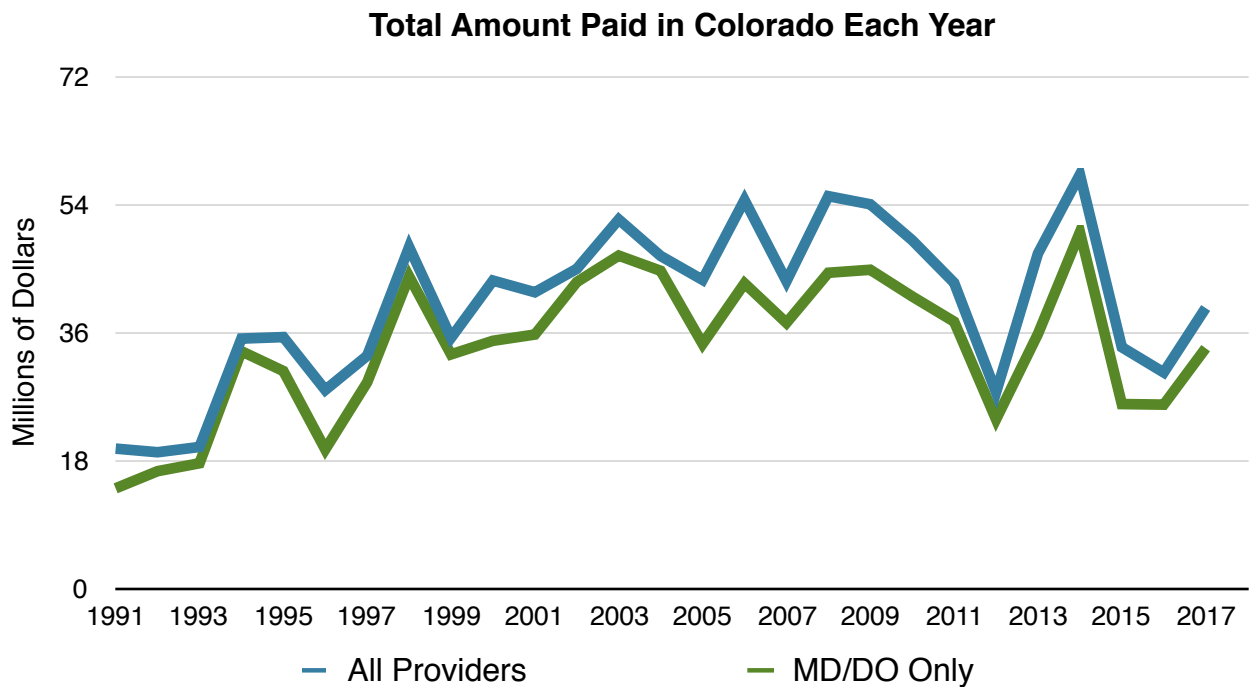
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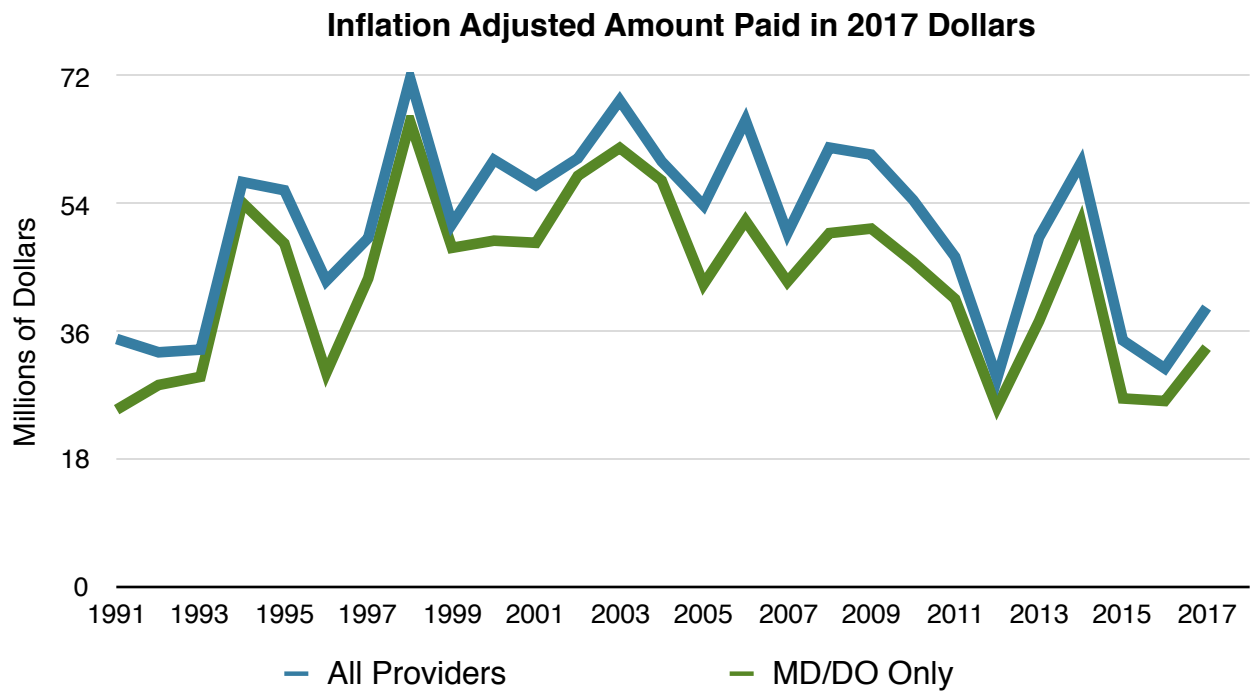
**Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Colorado from 1991-2017**



**Figure 1:** Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for Colorado from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners combined as well as for MD/DOs only.



**Figure 2:** Total amount paid for all medical malpractice claims from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners and MD/DOs only in Colorado.



**Figure 3:** Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.