Connecticut Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §52-228c. No damage cap but the court reviews all awards exceeding $1 million.

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<th>2012-2016 Average</th>
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<td>Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: All Providers</td>
<td>$19.70</td>
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<td>Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only</td>
<td>$18.14</td>
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<td>Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents</td>
<td>39.54</td>
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<td>Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians</td>
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Table showing the average amount paid per capita¹ each year in Connecticut 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 Connecticut those years.

Brief summary: Like most states in the Northeastern United States, Connecticut has very high medical malpractice costs. Their tort reform law is very weak and appears to have no effect on these costs.

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…

Sources

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https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/analysistool/
http://www.atra.org/issues/noneconomic-damages-reform
Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Connecticut from 1991-2017

Medical Malpractice Claims in Connecticut Each Year

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

Total Amount Paid in Connecticut Each Year

Figure 2: Total amount paid for all medical malpractice claims from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners and MD/DOs only in Connecticut.
Figure 3: Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.