Kentucky Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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<th>2012-2016 Average</th>
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<td>Annual Per Capita¹ Malpractice costs: All Providers²</td>
<td>$9.01</td>
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<td>Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only</td>
<td>$7.68</td>
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<td>Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents</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 Kentucky 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 Kentucky those years.

Brief summary: Apart from 2014 medical malpractice cases and costs in Kentucky have been dropping rather steadily. From 2012-2016 per-capita medical malpractice costs and paid claims in Kentucky were exactly average (median) for the U.S.

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

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

Paid Medical Malpractice Claims in Kentucky Each Year

Number of Paid Claims

0 70 140 210 280 350
1991 1993 1995 1997 1999 2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017

- All Paid Claims
- Paid Claims for MD/DO Only

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

Total Amount Paid in Kentucky Each Year

Millions of Dollars

0 11 22 33 44 55
1991 1993 1995 1997 1999 2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017

- All Providers
- MD/DO Only

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