Nevada Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §41A.035. $350,000 limit on noneconomic damages. Effective 2002

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<td>Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents</td>
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Table showing the average amount paid per capita\(^1\) each year in Nevada 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 Nevada those years.

Brief summary: Nevada’s medical malpractice costs are generally very low each year and have been for most of the years since 1991.

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/analysis/tool/
http://www.atra.org/issues/noneconomic-damages-reform
Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Nevada from 1991-2017

Paid Medical Malpractice Claims in Nevada Each Year

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

Total Amount Paid in Nevada 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 Nevada.
Figure 3: Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.