North Dakota Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §32-42-02. $500,000 limit on noneconomic damages. §32-03.2-08. Economic damage awards in excess of $250,000 subject to court review. Effective 1995

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<th>2012-2016 Average</th>
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<td>Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: All Providers¹</td>
<td>$3.15</td>
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<td>Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only</td>
<td>$2.13</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 North Dakota 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 North Dakota those years.

Brief summary: Medical malpractice cases are, and have been, almost non-existent in North Dakota for many years.

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 North Dakota from 1991-2017

Figure 1: Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for North Dakota 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 North Dakota.
**Figure 3:** Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.