

# Utah Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §78B-3-410. Non-economic damage cap of \$450,000.  
Effective 2001

|  | 2012-2016 Average | State Rank |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| Annual Per Capita <sup>1</sup> Malpractice costs: All Providers <sup>2</sup> | \$7.41            | 35         |
| Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only                              | \$6.69            | 31         |
| Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents  | 31.23             | 25         |
| Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians                                  | 1.16              | 15         |

Table showing the average amount paid per capita<sup>1</sup> each year in Utah 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 Utah those years.

Brief summary: Utah has had a non-economic damage cap for medical malpractice cases since 2001. Since this law was passed, however, there appears to have been little, if any, change in the cost of medical malpractice in Utah or the number of paid claims in that state.

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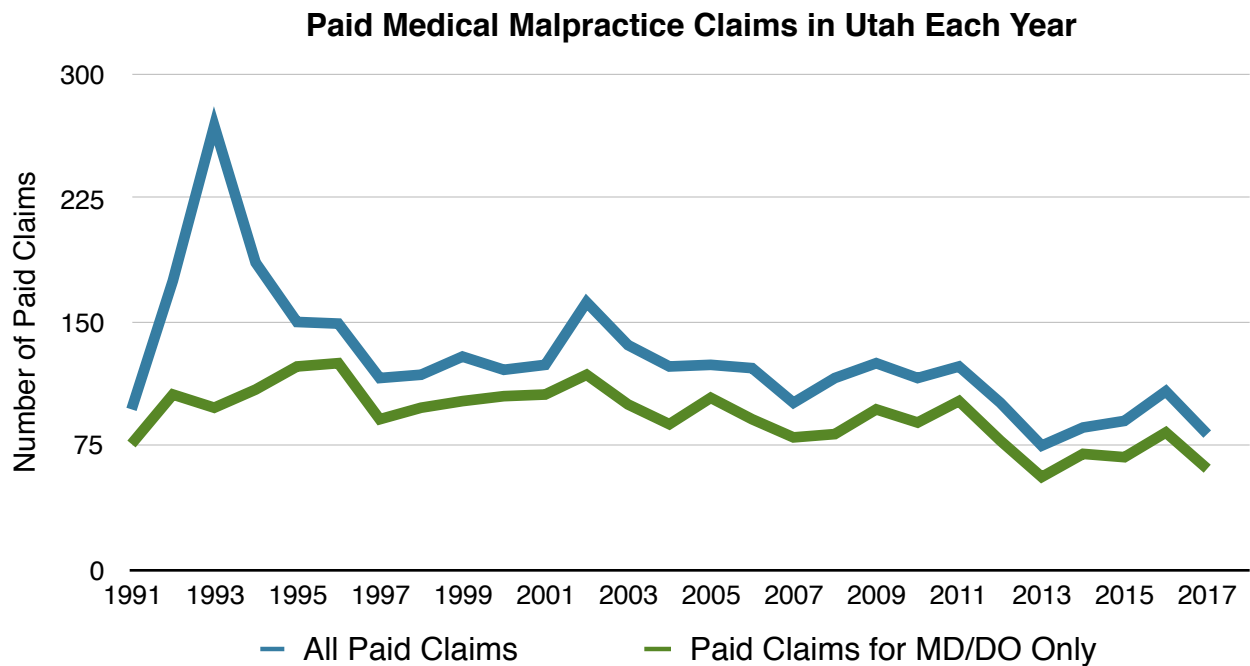
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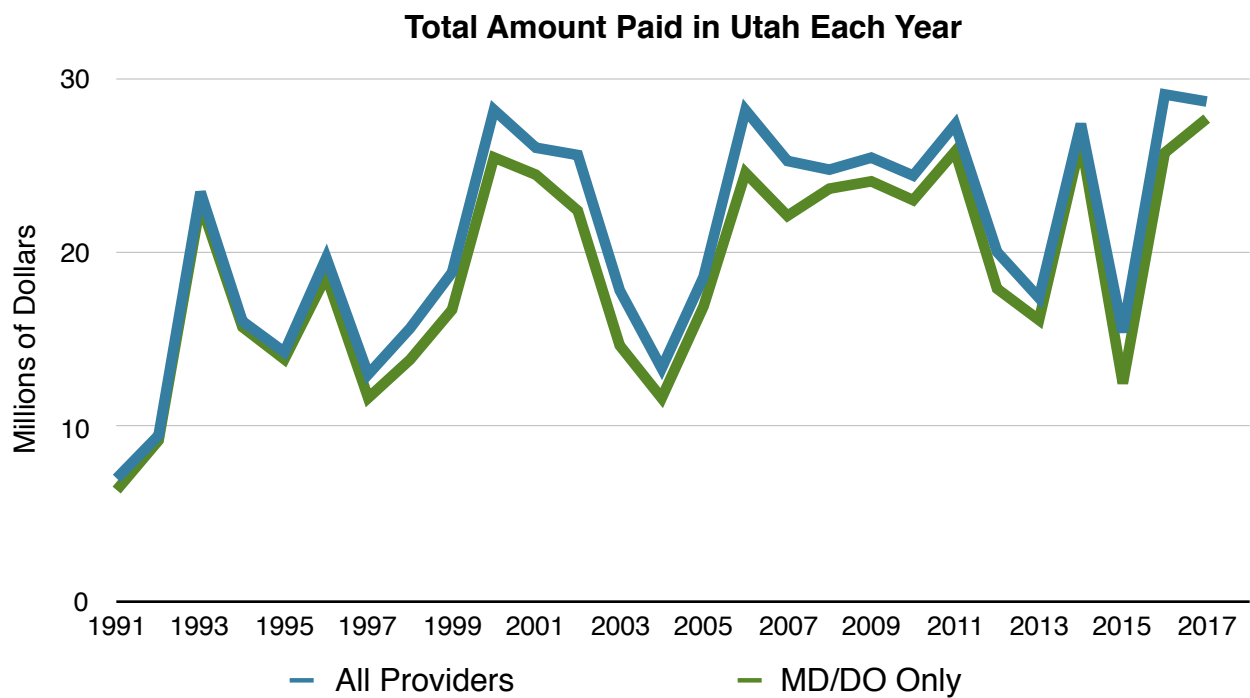
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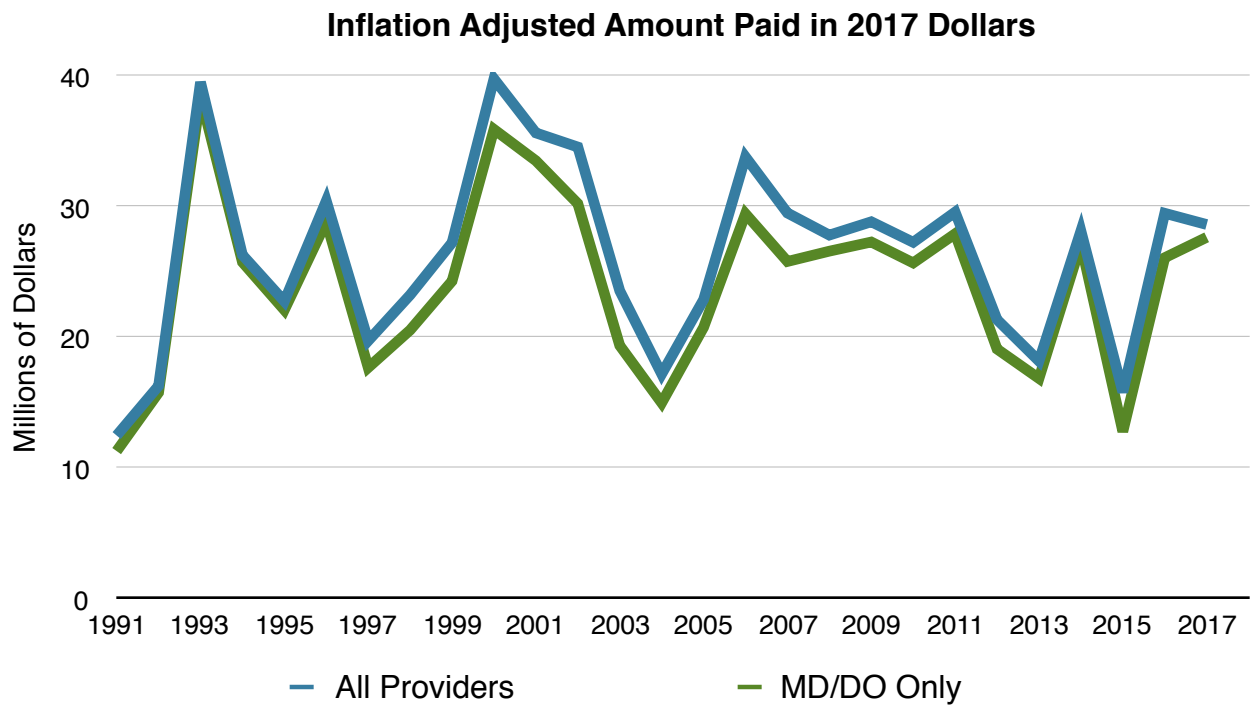
**Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Utah from 1991-2017**



**Figure 1:** Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for Utah 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 Utah.



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