Wyoming Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: None, Constitutionally prohibited

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<th>2012-2016 Average</th>
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<td>Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: All Providers</td>
<td>$9.10</td>
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<td>Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only</td>
<td>$7.64</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 capita\(^1\) each year in Wyoming 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 Wyoming those years.

Brief summary: Wyoming has no tort reform law aimed at lowering medical malpractice costs. The per capita cost of medical malpractice and number of paid claims has remained close to the national average most 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/noeconomic-damages-reform
Paid Medical Malpractice Claims in Wyoming Each Year

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

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