

Florida Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §766.118. Non-Economic Damages were capped at \$500,000 for practitioners; \$750,000 for non-practitioners; \$1-million for permanent vegetative state or death. Passed in 2003 but declared unconstitutional by the Florida State Supreme Court in March 2014.

	2012-2016 Average	State Rank
Annual Per Capita ¹ Malpractice costs: All Providers ²	\$11.35	15
Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only	\$9.64	16
Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents	51.86	8
Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians	1.50	9

Table showing the average amount paid per capita¹ each year in Florida 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 Florida those years.

Brief summary: Florida's Supreme Court threw out their cap on medical malpractice awards in march 2014. It's unlikely that ruling would have had any effect on malpractice costs for that year. Since then, the number of paid malpractice cases against physicians hasn't changed much and the amount paid for these cases has only increased a little. Time will tell if the repeal of this law will have any significant effect in the future.

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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Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Florida from 1991-2017

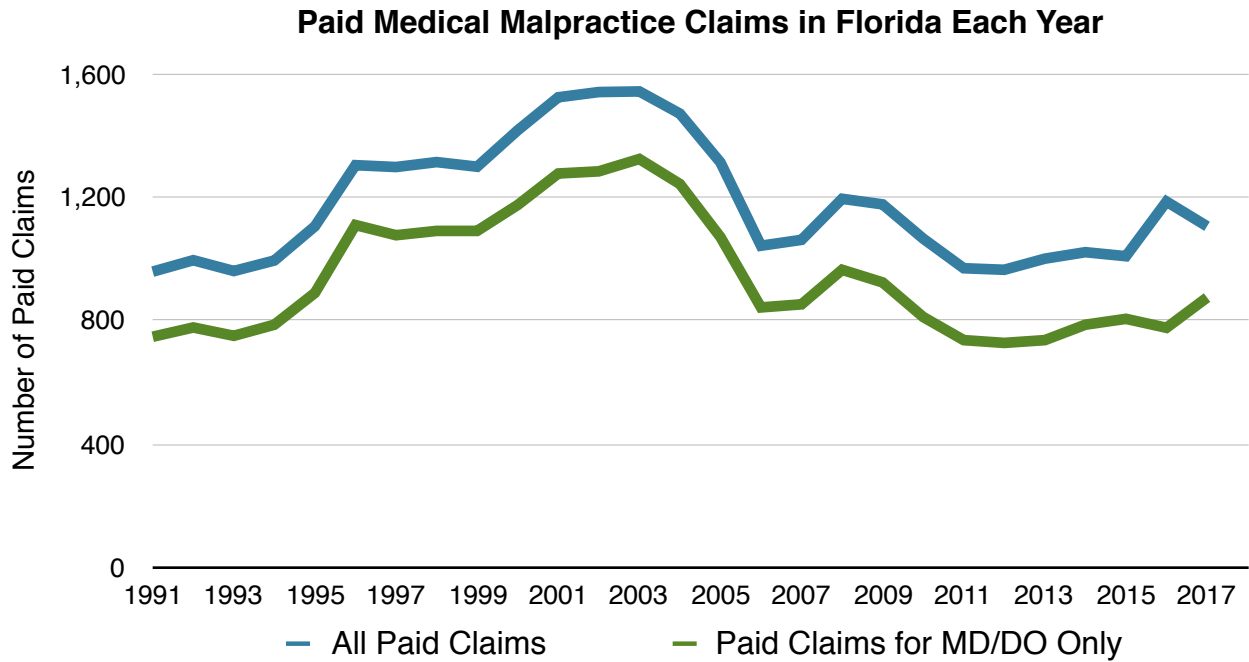


Figure 1: Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for Florida from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners combined as well as for MD/DOs only.

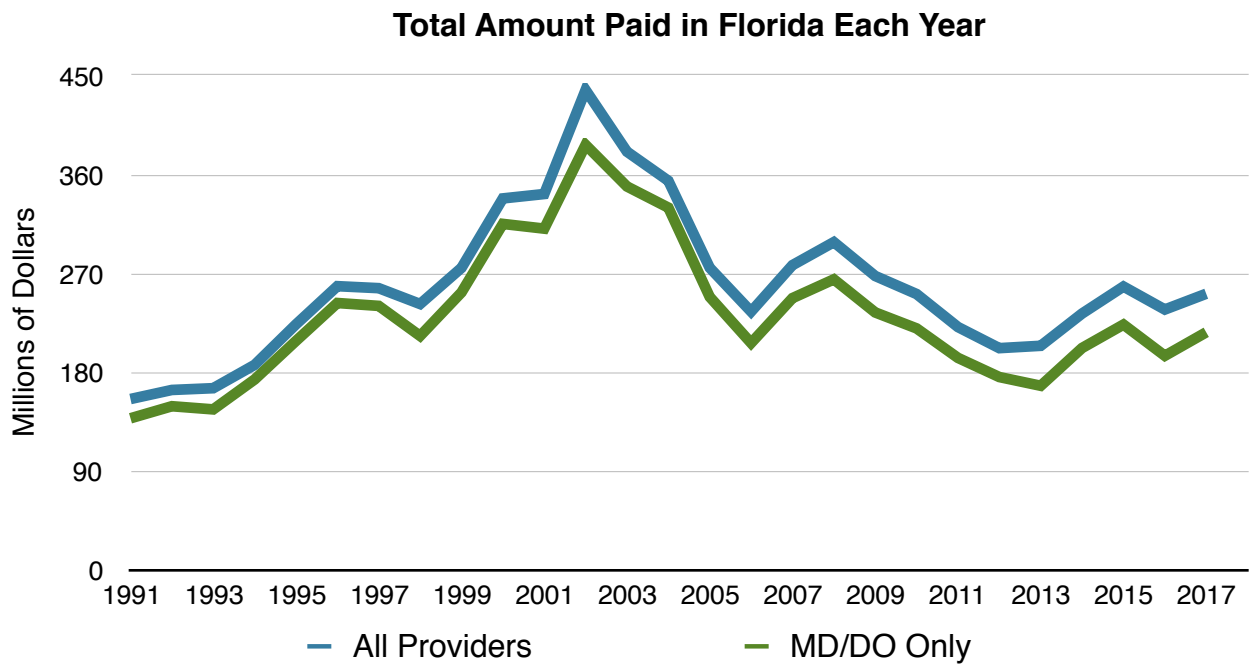


Figure 2: Total amount paid for all medical malpractice claims from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners and MD/DOs only in Florida.

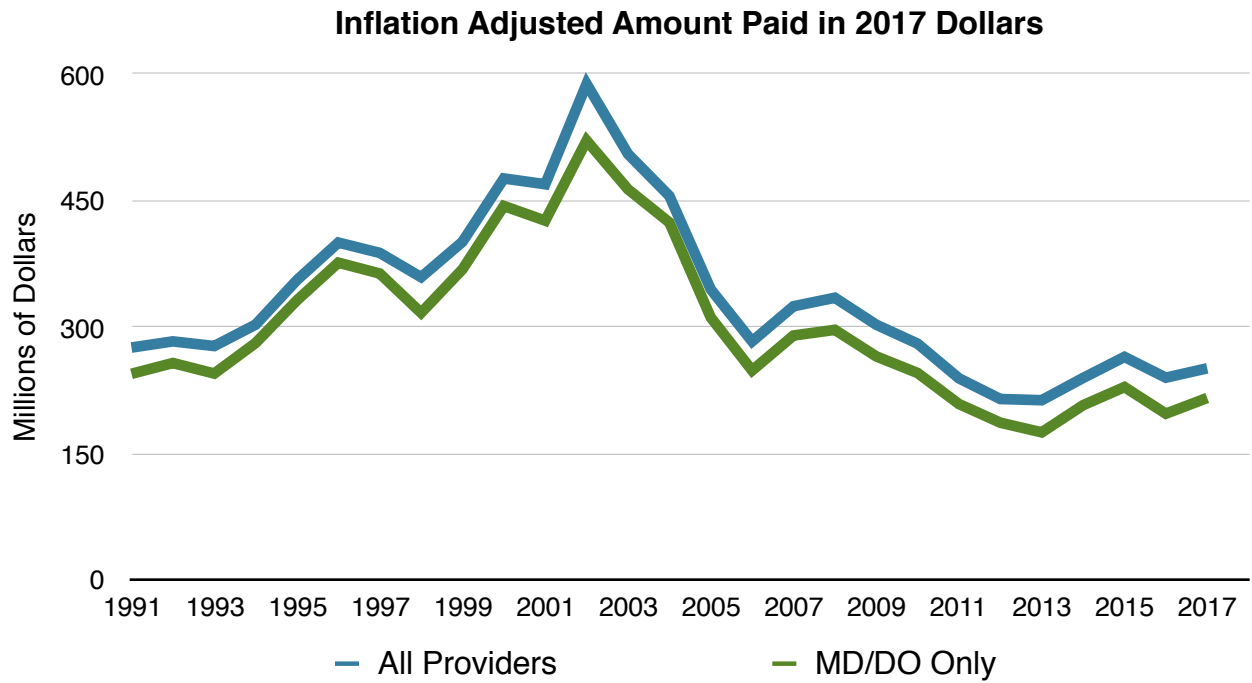


Figure 3: Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.