

Virginia Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §8.01-581.15. Total damage cap increasing each year since 1999. From July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015: \$2.15 million. From July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016: \$2.20 million. From July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017: \$2.25 million.

	2012-2016 Average	State Rank
Annual Per Capita ¹ Malpractice costs: All Providers ²	\$8.41	31
Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only	\$7.07	29
Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents	21.78	42
Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians	0.60	41

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

Brief summary: Virginia does have a cap on total damages for medical malpractice claims, but it's quite high—more than \$2 million. Fewer than 8% of all of the awards for paid medical malpractice cases against physicians in Virginia exceeded even \$1 million since 2000. Almost none of those awards exceeded \$2 million in total damages. Since very few medical malpractice awards in Virginia approach their cap, it's unlikely that it has any real effect on malpractice costs 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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Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Virginia from 1991-2017

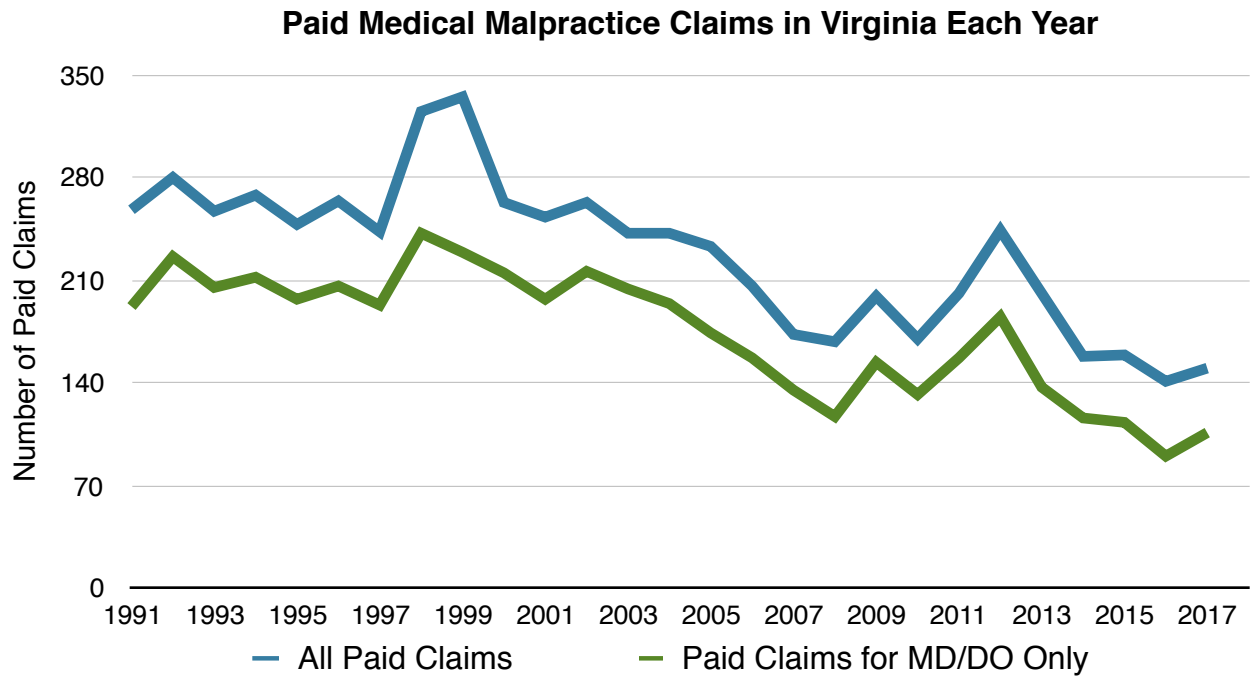


Figure 1: Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for Virginia from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners combined as well as for MD/DOs only.

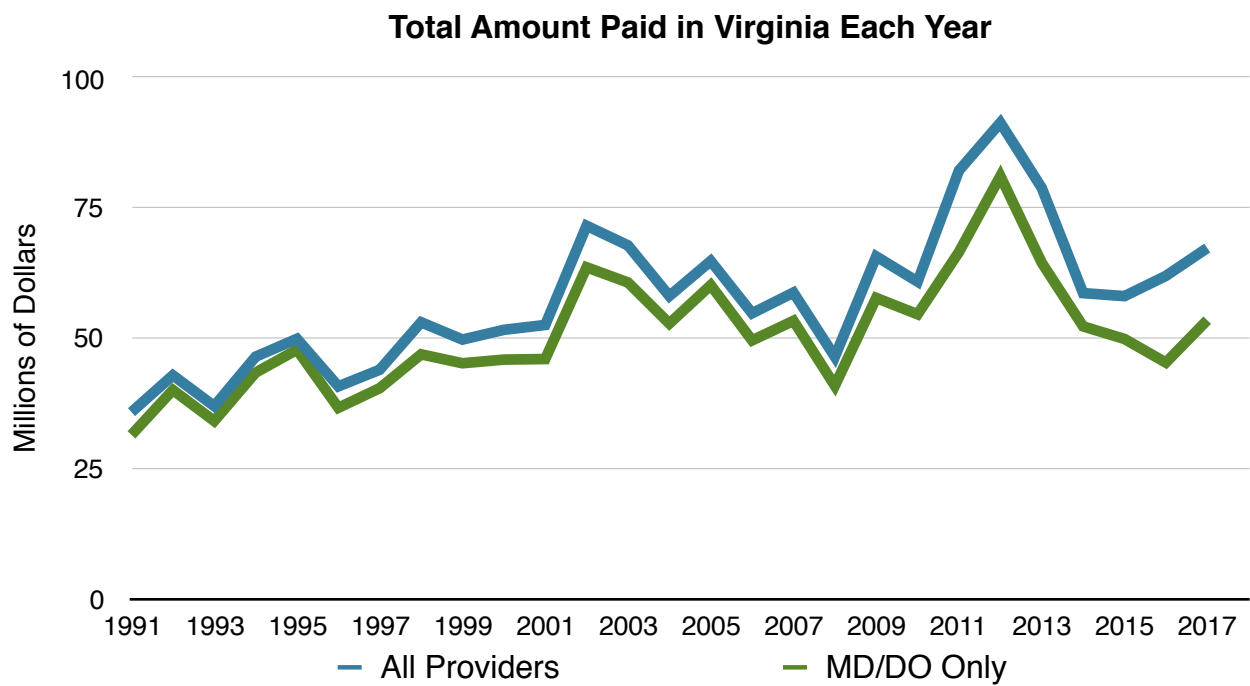


Figure 2: Total amount paid for all medical malpractice claims from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners and MD/DOs only in Virginia.

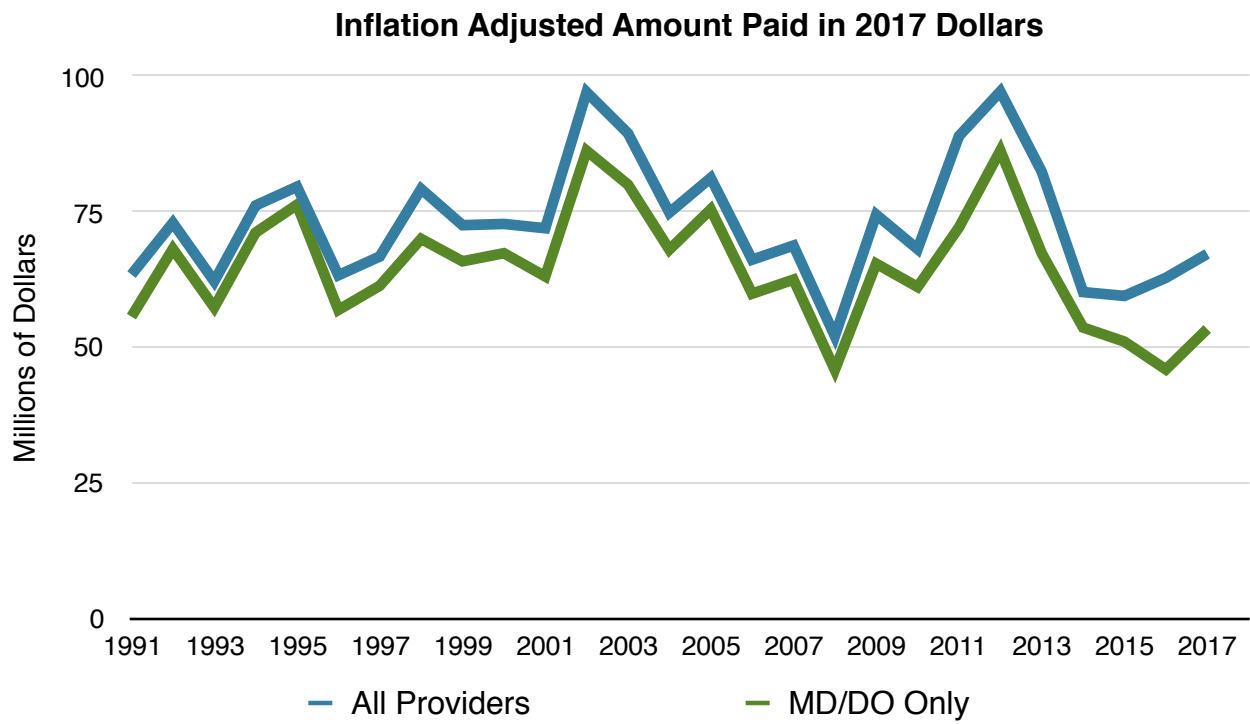


Figure 3: Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.