

Are Payout Increases in Texas a Brief Upturn or a Growing Trend?

For the fifth consecutive year, Texas ranked near the bottom nationally in medical liability payouts per capita.

Last year only five states produced lower per capita payouts than Texas, according to data gleaned from the National Practitioner's Data Bank.

But that trend may be reversing. A just-released study by Diedrich Healthcare reported total medical liability payouts rose 33.67 percent in Texas in 2017, compared to a mere 2.34 percent increase nationally.

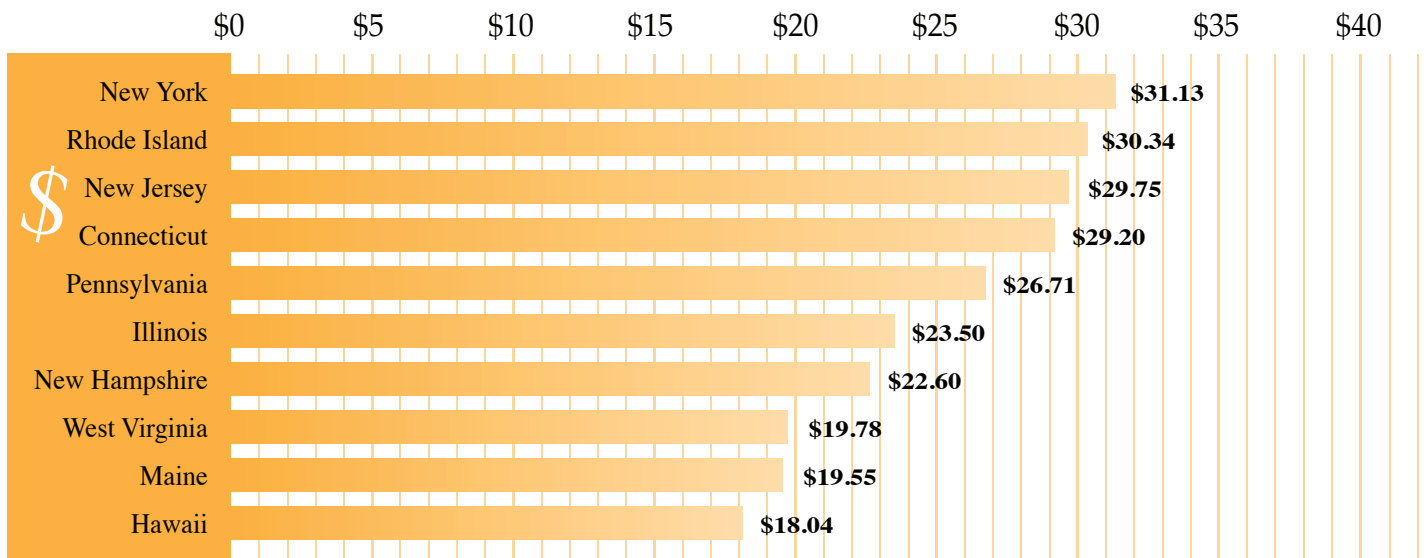
It's unclear if the latest figures represent a general increase in awards and settlements or reflect a growing number of high-dollar payouts, said Dr. Dr. Howard Marcus, chairman of Texas Alliance for Patient Access.

Payouts per capita have risen 40 percent in Texas since 2013, Marcus said.

PER CAPITA PAYOUTS BOTH ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM

(Total paid out per person residing in the state. Population estimates are taken from the U.S. Census Bureau, as reported by Diedrich Healthcare.)

TOP STATES PER CAPITA



BOTTOM STATES PER CAPITA

