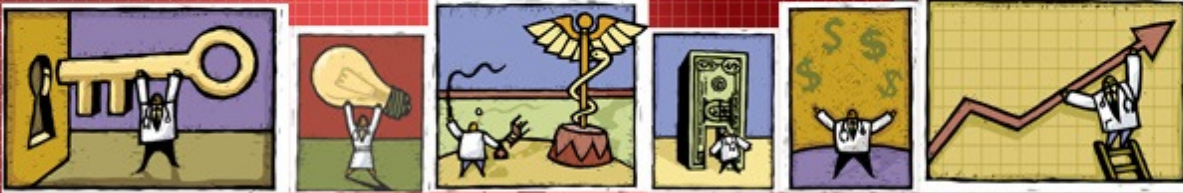


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Medical Malpractice and Managed Care News Digest  
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#### Quick Links...

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**AMedNews.com**

Prior psychiatric conditions, including depression, were the most common reason for canceling a patient's health insurance committee of the National Assn. of Insurance Commissioners has released a draft report detailing rescission rates and practices of major insurers across the country between 2004 and 2008...

[California limits HMO wait times](#)

**LA Times**

The regulations by the California Department of Managed Health Care, in the works for much of the last decade, will require that patients be treated by HMO doctors within 10 business days of requesting an appointment, and by specialists within 15...

[Haiti quake a reminder that California still struggles with quake rules](#)

**Mercurynews.com**

The massive earthquake in Haiti disabled nearly all of the country's hospitals, providing a sobering reminder in quake-prone California of the risks hospitals face in a catastrophic temblor. While building codes in California are much more stringent than those in developing countries, hundreds of hospitals throughout the state face closure if they don't meet a 2013 deadline to comply with state earthquake standards...

[Medical Professional Liability Pressure Builds as Market Awaits Shift](#)

**Insurance News Net**

A widely held consensus that frequency within medical professional liability has stabilized after a five-year decline is giving way to a sense of anticipation about the cycle's next turn...

[Seven Common Malpractice Lawsuits](#)

**Accident and Injury Lawyer Blog**

Medical malpractice can happen in almost any medical context because there is often a lot at stake in treating a patient. There are grave consequences to many physician errors. Doctors can prescribe the wrong medication for a relatively

insignificant illness and cause life altering or fatal consequences...

[Riverside jury: \\$16.5M malpractice verdict](#)

**MercuryNews.com**

A couple have won a \$16.5 million verdict in a medical malpractice case against a Palm Springs neurosurgeon. The Riverside Superior Court jury deliberated for eight hours Friday before finding neurosurgeon Christopher Pham negligent in his treatment of Trent Hughes in November 2003...

[13 California hospitals fined for medical errors](#)

**LA Times**

State officials have fined 13 California hospitals for medical errors that in some cases killed or seriously injured patients, according to a report made public Wednesday...

[Single Payer Bill Passes Calif. Senate; Other States Consider Smaller Health Care Changes](#)

**Kaiser Health News**

California's state Senate Thursday voted for a bill creating a single-payer health system Thursday...

[Actuaries fear reform could spur higher med-mal rates](#)

**Modern Physician**

Medical malpractice insurance rates have fallen in many states in recent years because of tort reform laws, and the American Academy of Actuaries is worried that federal healthcare reform legislation could reverse that trend by hindering information-sharing among insurers...

[Health officials look at C-section rates in Ohio](#)

**Dayton Daily News**

New data on Cesarean births in Ohio points to a troubling trend of unnecessary surgeries...

[Study: Doctors Reduce Working Hours As Medical Malpractice Risk Rises](#)

**NPR**

On average, doctors end up working 1.7 hours less per week when their expected medical liability risk increases by just 10 percent, according to a *new study* published in the latest issue of the *Journal of Law & Economics*...

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