

Physician Insurers Association of America

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

### **2006 PIAA MEMBERSHIP**

55 Domestic Primary Insurers12 International Primary Insurers41 Affiliate Members (9 Re)

108 Total Members

### **USA PIAA COMPANIES INSURE:**

	12/02	12/03	<u>%</u> ①
Physicians	287,569	310,522	+08
Dentists	24,139	33,283	+38
Oral Surgeons	3,665	3,989	+09
Podiatrists	14,000	15,400	+10
Chiropractors	33,308	34,845	+05
Hospitals	1,163	1,371	+18

## INTERNATIONAL PIAA COMPANIES INDEMNIFY:

Physicians 346,925

Dentists 24,959

Hospitals 139

# PIAA DATA SHARING PROJECT

# DATA SHARING PARTICIPANTS

APIE

**CAP-MPT** 

CMIC

COPIC

**FPIC** 

**MAG Mutual** 

Med Assurance MS

Med Mutual ME

**Midwest Medical** 

MLMIC

Northwest Phys.

PIC Wisconsin

PI - AMC

**PMSLIC** 

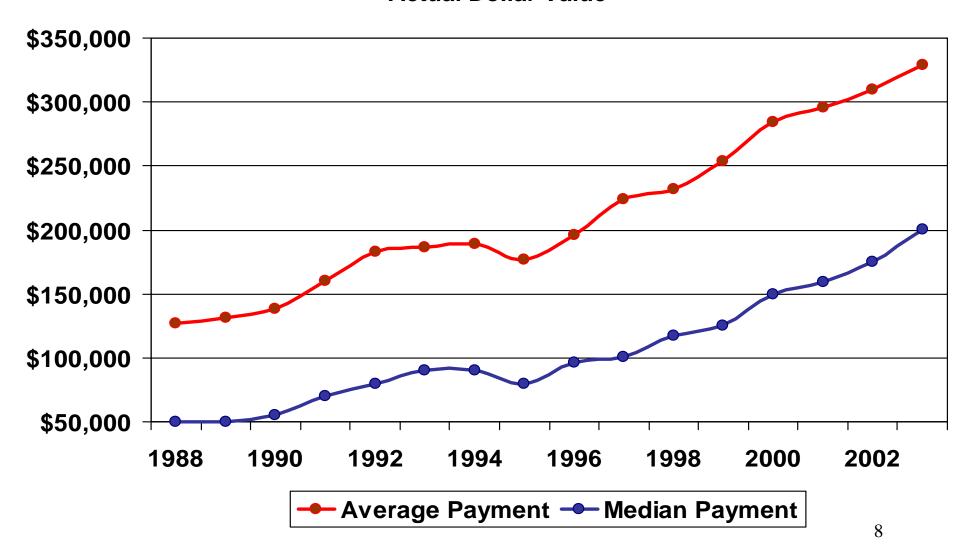
SVMIC

**TMLT** 

**UMIA** 

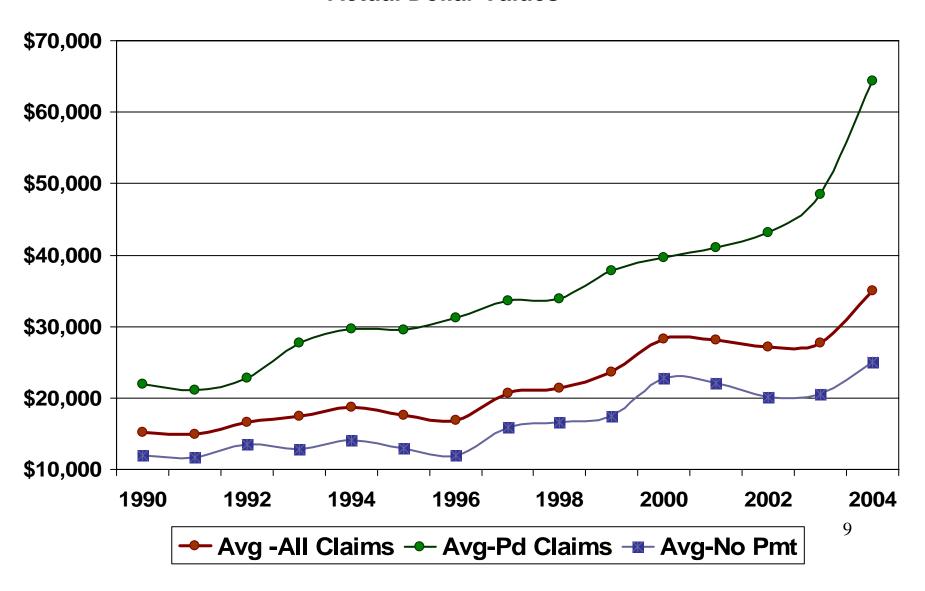
### Average and Median Claim Payment Values

#### **Actual Dollar Value**

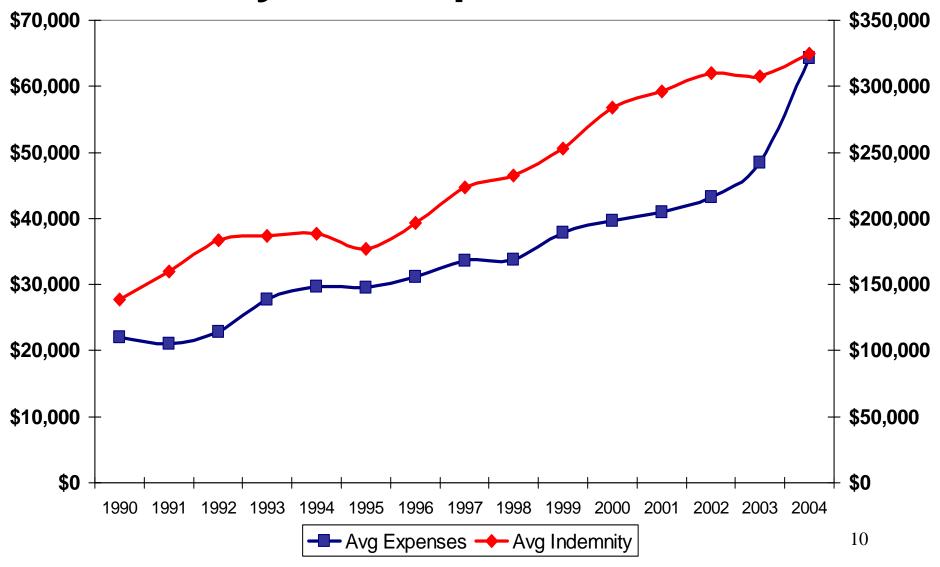


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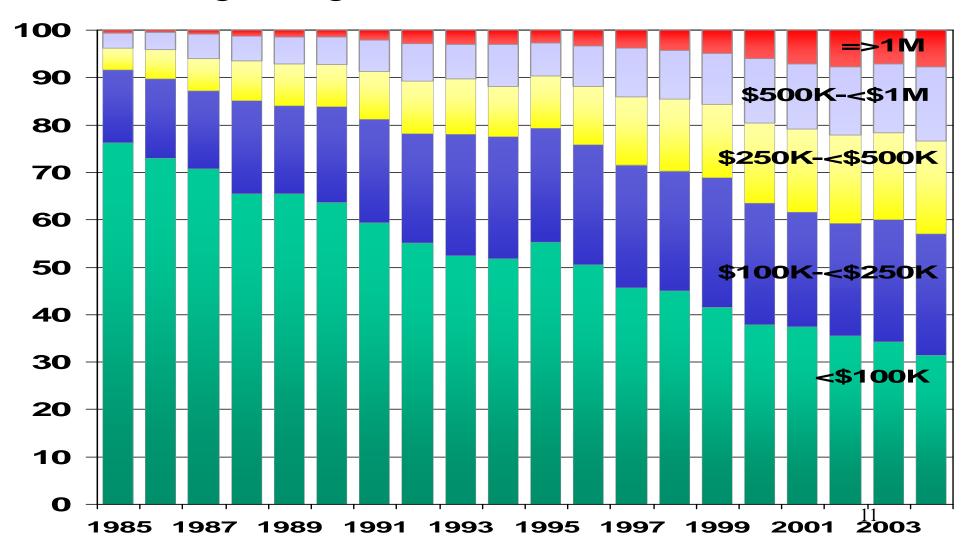
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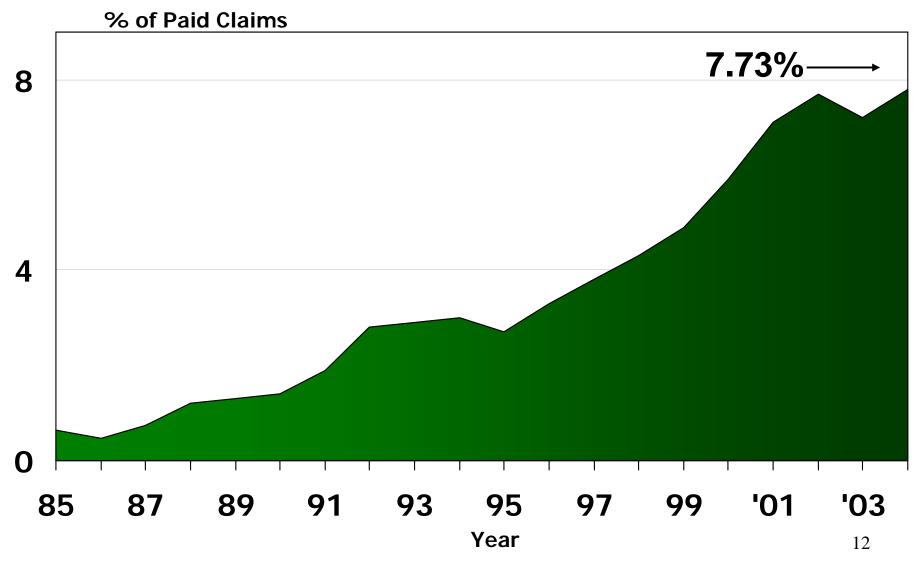
## **Average Payments**Indemnity and Expenses – Current \$



## % of Paid Claims by Payment Threshold



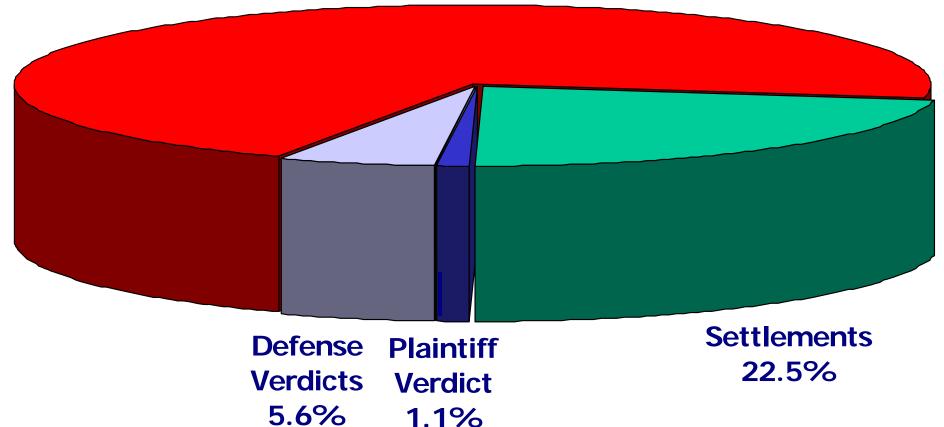
### Claim Payments =>\$1 Million



Source: PIAA Data Sharing Project 2003

### Outcome of Malpractice Cases Closed in 2004

Dropped/ dismissed 70.8%



Source: PIAA Data Sharing Project April, 2005

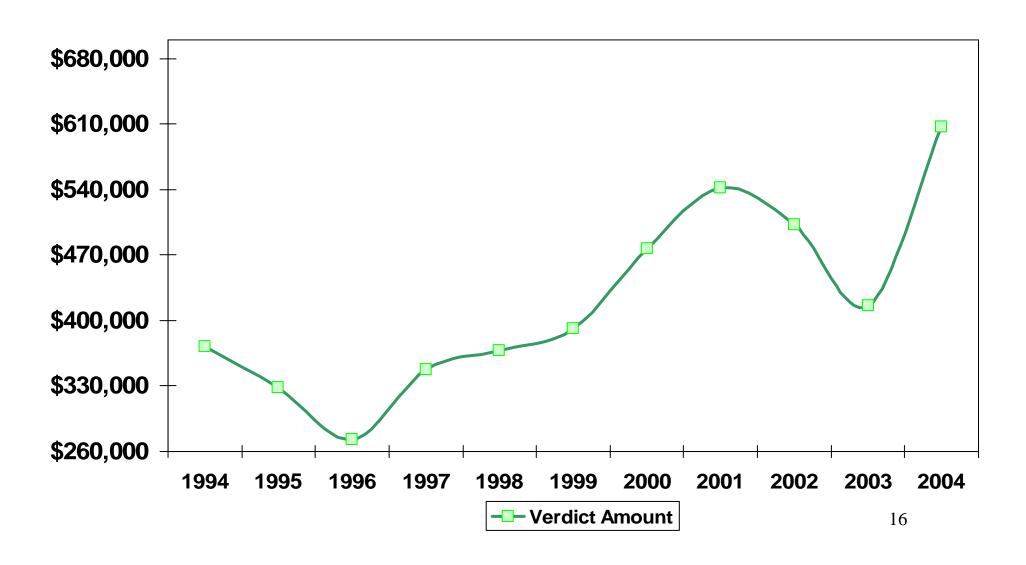
### **PAYMENT VALUES - 2004**

Mean Indemnity Payment	\$324,834	
Mean Settlement	\$ 311,704	
Mean Verdict	\$ 606,907	

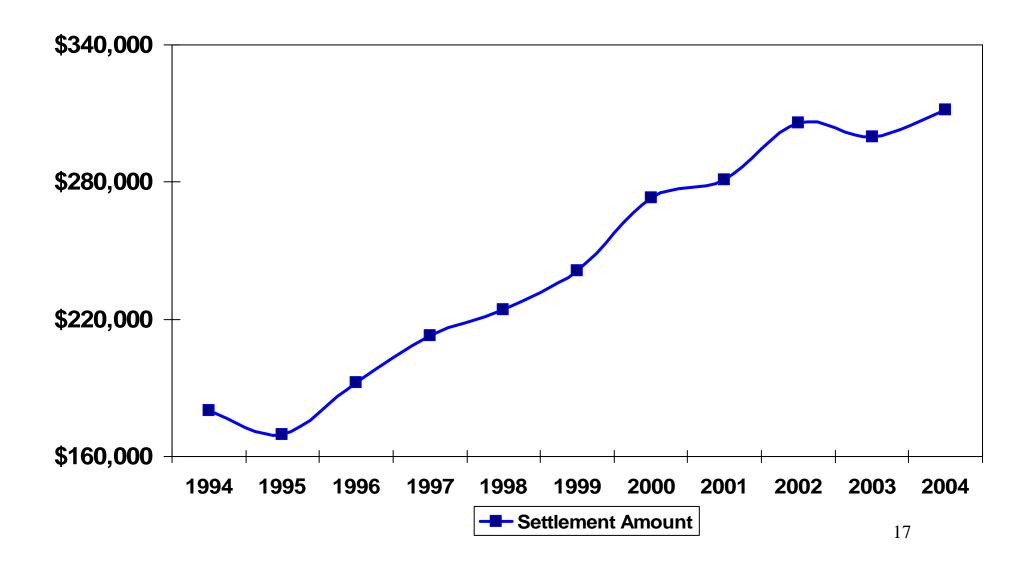
### **PAYMENT VALUES - 2004**

Mean Indemnity Payment	\$324,838
Mean Expense Payment	\$ 34,981
Won at Trial	\$ 93,559
Lost at Trial	\$152,101
Settled	\$ 59,853
Dropped/Dismissed	\$ 18,774

### **Average Indemnity Paid Verdicts**



## **Average Indemnity Settlements**



### MARKET DYNAMICS

### **Market Overview**

- A fragmented med mal market in US
  - Admitted carriers write about 12B
  - Non-admitted write about 12B
- Largest admitted carrier has < 10% of US admitted market</li>
- Most PIAA insurers have a significant share of one or two state markets

#### **Recent Conditions**

- Generally hard market conditions since 2000, due to higher claim costs
- Interest rates also declined during this period, putting greater pressure on underwriting profitability
- Admitted carrier premiums nearly doubled from 2000 to 2005, to support higher claim costs and lower interest rates
- New admitted and non-admitted vehicles formed as an alternative to existing admitted insurers (as they did in the last two hard markets in the 1970s and 1980s)

### **Future Questions**

- Will market soften?
- Are loss reserves adequate?
- Future of tort reform?

# LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES

# Tort Reforms Have Passed In The US House of Representatives Ten Times

- •1995 Common Sense Product Liability and Legal Reform Act
  - Balanced Budget Act of 1995
- 1996 Health Care Coverage Availability and Affordability Act
- 1997 Balanced Budget Act of 1997
  - District of Columbia Appropriations Bill

### Tort Reforms Have Passed In The US House of Representatives Ten Times, Cont'd.

- 1998 Patient Protection Act
- 2002 HEALTH Act HR 4600 (217, 203)
- 2003 HEALTH Act HR 5 (229, 196, 1)
- 2004 HEALTH Act HR 4280 (229, 197)
- •2005 HEALTH Act HR 5 (230, 194, 2)

### SENATE - 109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

- S. 354 HEALTH ACT
- S. 366 HEALTHY MOTHERS ACT
- S. 367 PREGNANCY & TRAUMA CARE ACT
- S. 4 HEALTHY AMERICA ACT OF 2005

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- SENATE LEADERSHIP OMNIBUS BILL
- CONTAINS MICRA L IKE REFORMS, INCLUDING A \$250K CAP
- WRONG COLLATERAL SOURCE LANGUAGE

## COLLATERAL SOURCE - SUBROGATION

 EVIDENTIARY RULE V. MANDATORY OFFSET BY THE COURT

PROHIBITION OF SUBROGATION

## S. 1337 FAIR AND RELIABLE MEDICAL JUSTICE ACT

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- ENZI (R-WY) BAUCUS (D-MT) STATE DEMONSTRATION BILL
- EARLY DISCLOSURE AND COMPENSATION
- ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATION AND COMPENSATION
- SPECIAL HEALTH CARE COURTS

# S. 1784 NATIONAL MEDICAL ERROR DISCLOSURE AND COMPENSATION ACT

- INTRODUCED BY CLINTON & OBAMA
- DUPLICATES MANY PROVISIONS OF THE PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005
- NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY DATABASE
- NATIONAL MEDICAL ERROR DISCLOSURE AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM

#### Other Issues

- SMART ACT
- Consumer Groups
- NAIC Review of DDR
- NAIC Statistical Task Force

### THANK YOU