# What's Next for Medical Professional Liability Writers?

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## Overview of Presentation

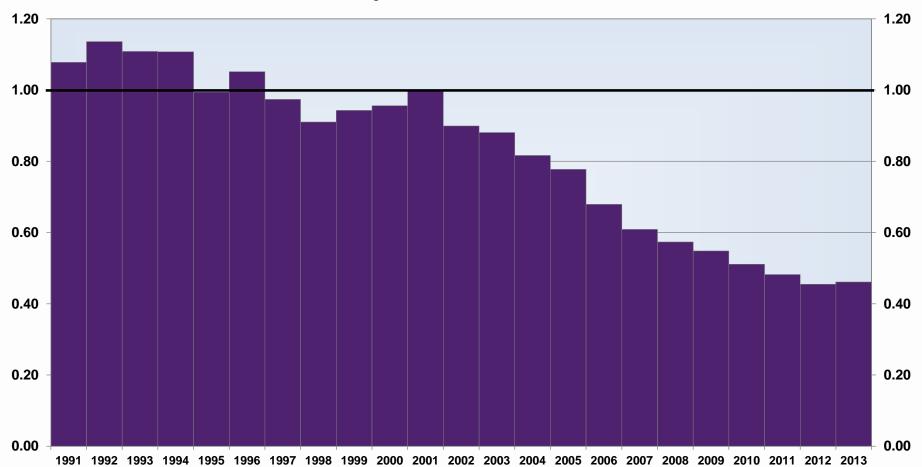
- Claim Frequency
- > Indemnity Severity
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## Closed Claim Frequency per Physician

Countrywide, Base Year 2001

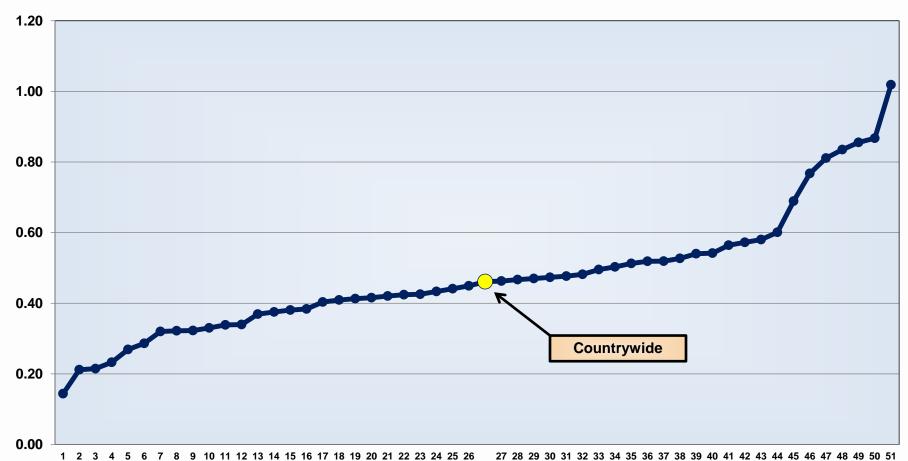


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## **Change in Closed Claim Frequency by State**

2013 Level Relative to 2001 Level

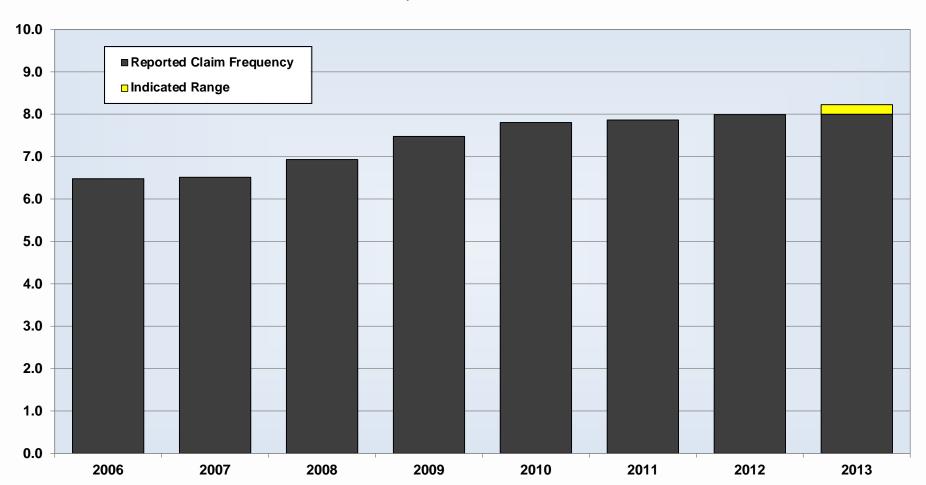


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## **Reported Claim Frequency**

Claims-Made Business, Per \$1M Gross Earned Premium



Source: Milliman analysis of P&C insurance statutory data as provided by SNL Financial Chart represents results of 40 MPL specialty companies

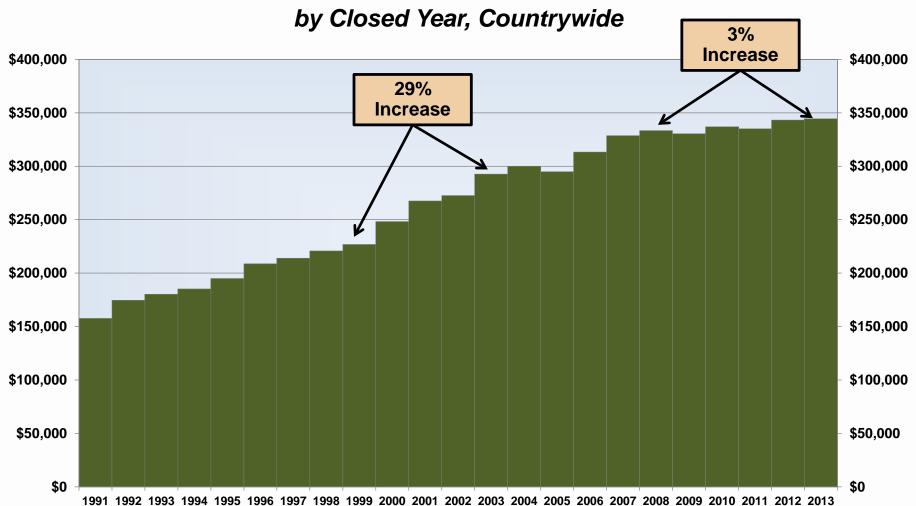


# **Indemnity Severity**



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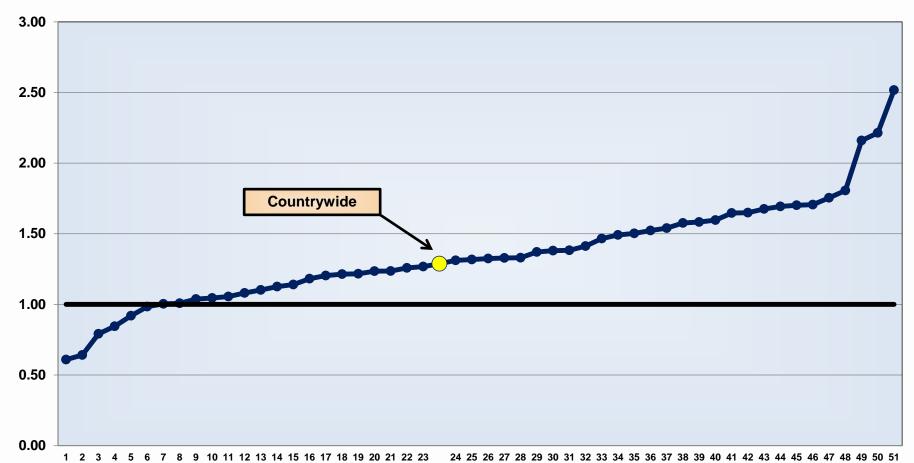
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# Indemnity Severity

## **Change in Paid Severity by State**

2013 Level Relative to 2001 Level



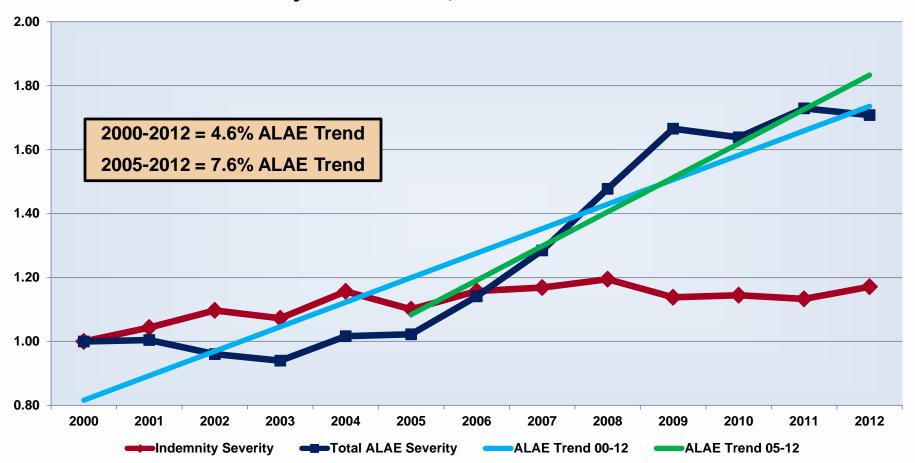
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#### **Paid Indemnity and ALAE Severities**

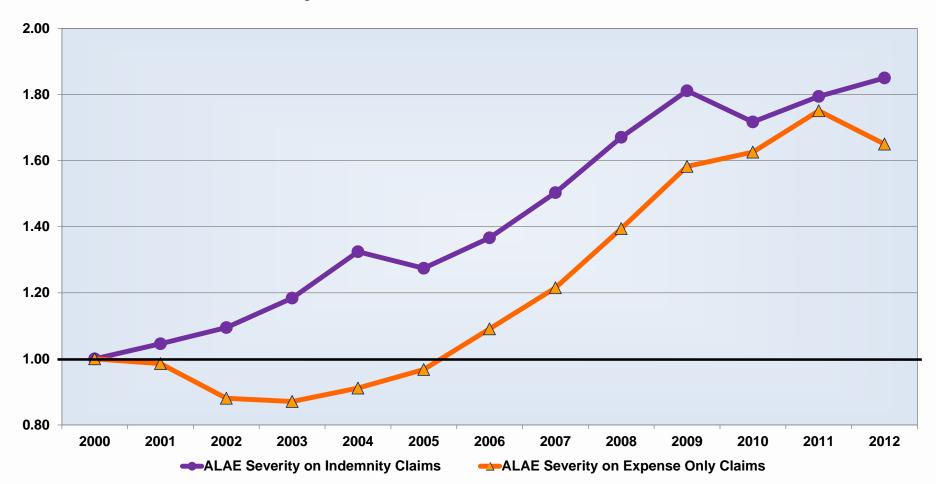
by Closed Year, Relative to 2000



Source: Milliman analysis of PIAA Claim Trend Analysis; 2012 Edition
Milliman analysis of PIAA Closed Claim Comparative; 2013 Edition

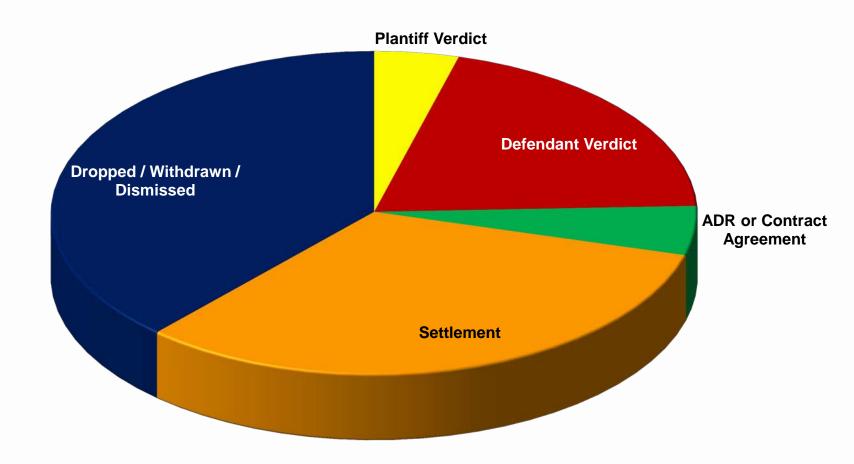
## **Paid ALAE Severity by Claim Type**

by Closed Year, Relative to 2000



Source: Milliman analysis of PIAA Claim Trend Analysis; 2012 Edition
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# ALAE Cost Distribution 2012 by Category

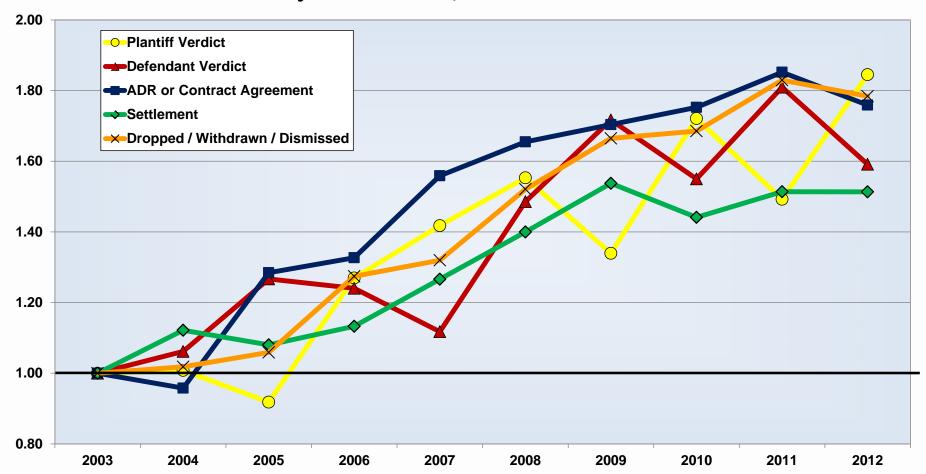


Source: Milliman analysis of PIAA Closed Claim Comparative; 2013 Edition



## Paid ALAE Severity by Category

by Closed Year, Relative to 2003

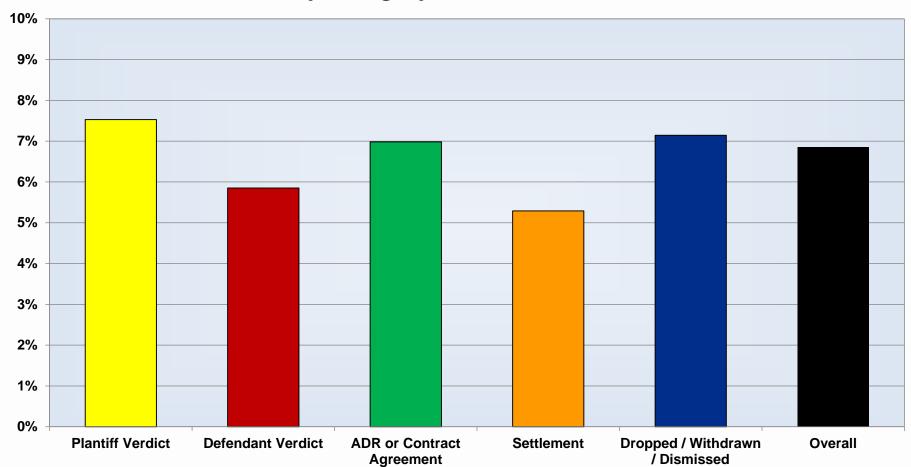


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### **Annual Trend Rate for Paid ALAE Severity**

by Category, Relative to 2003

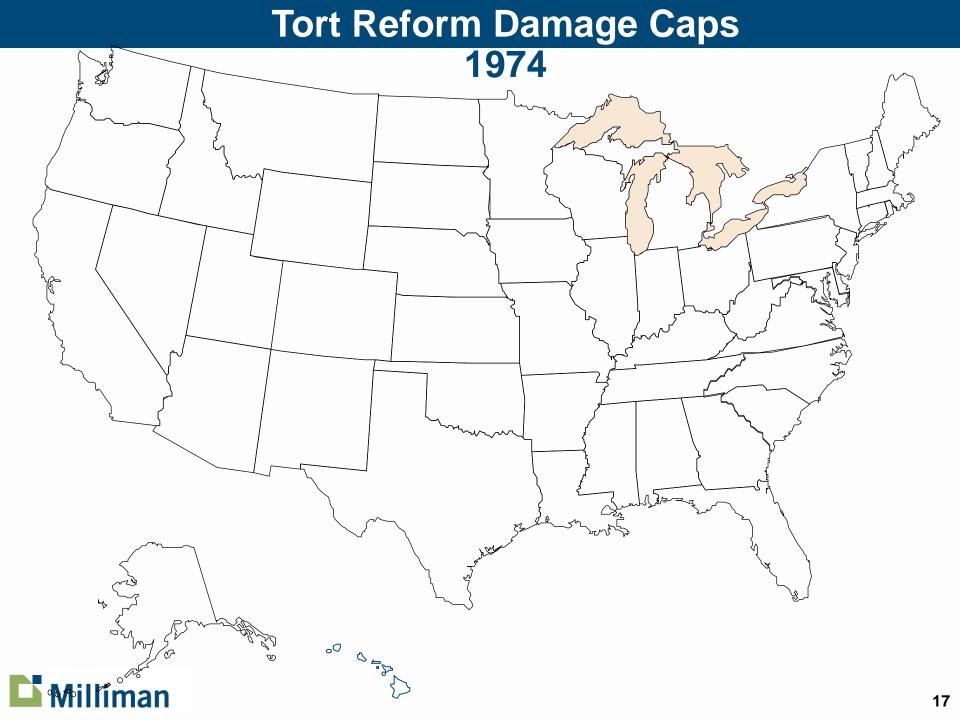


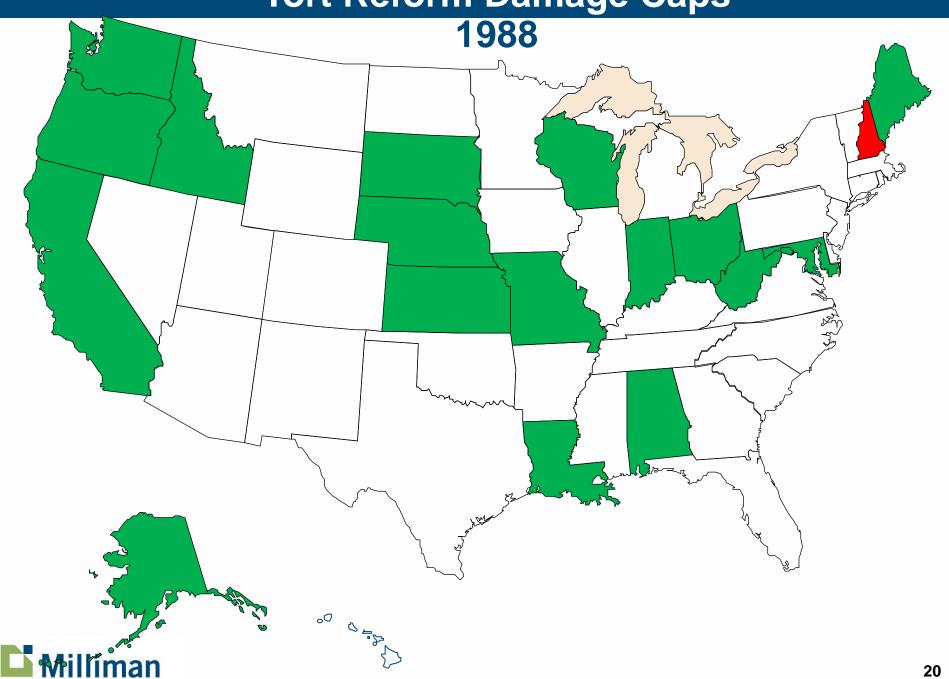
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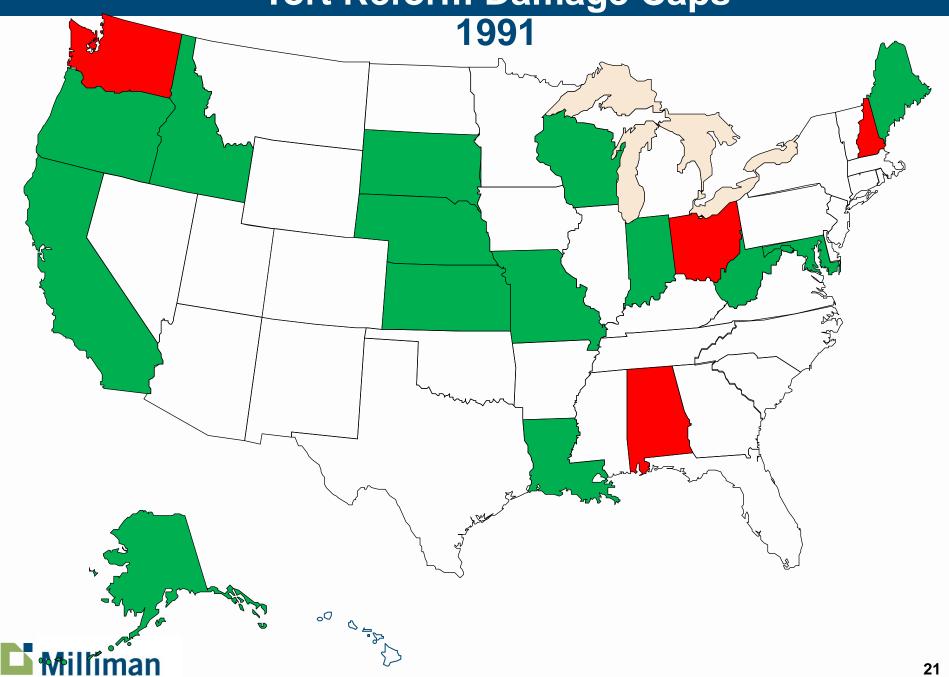


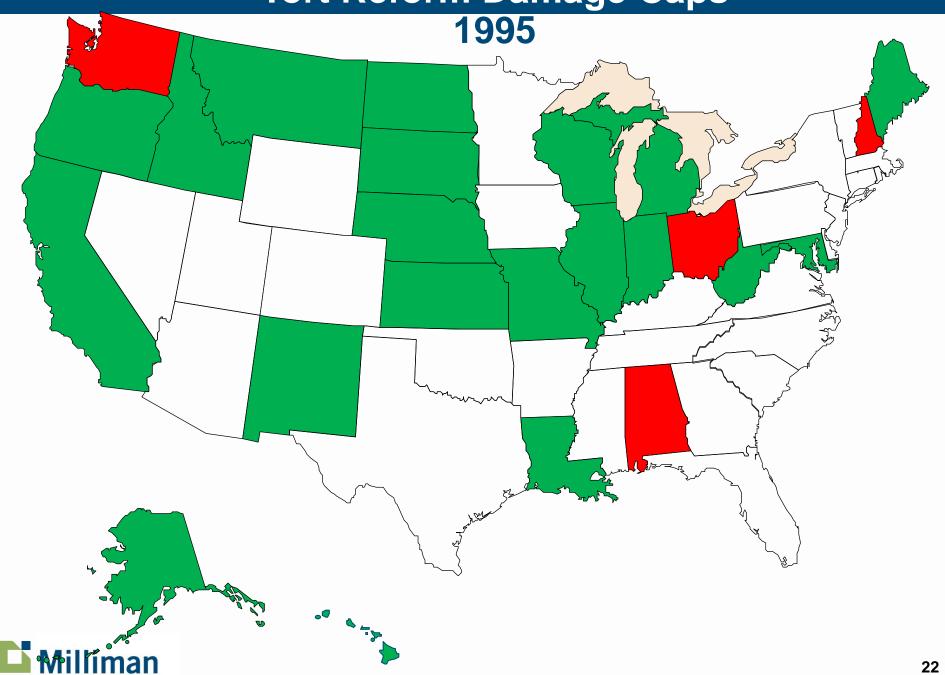
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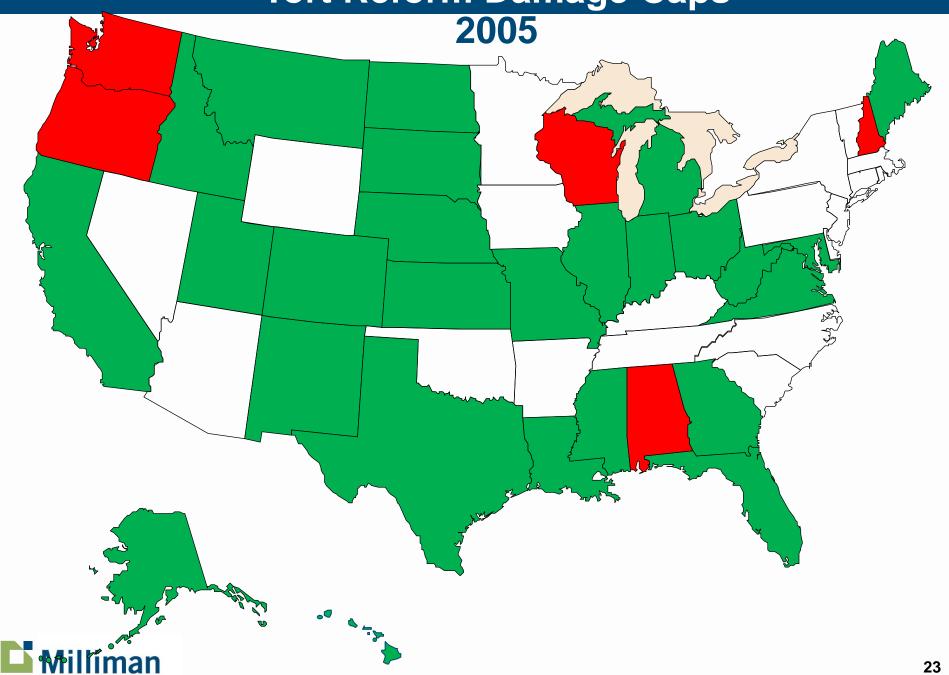


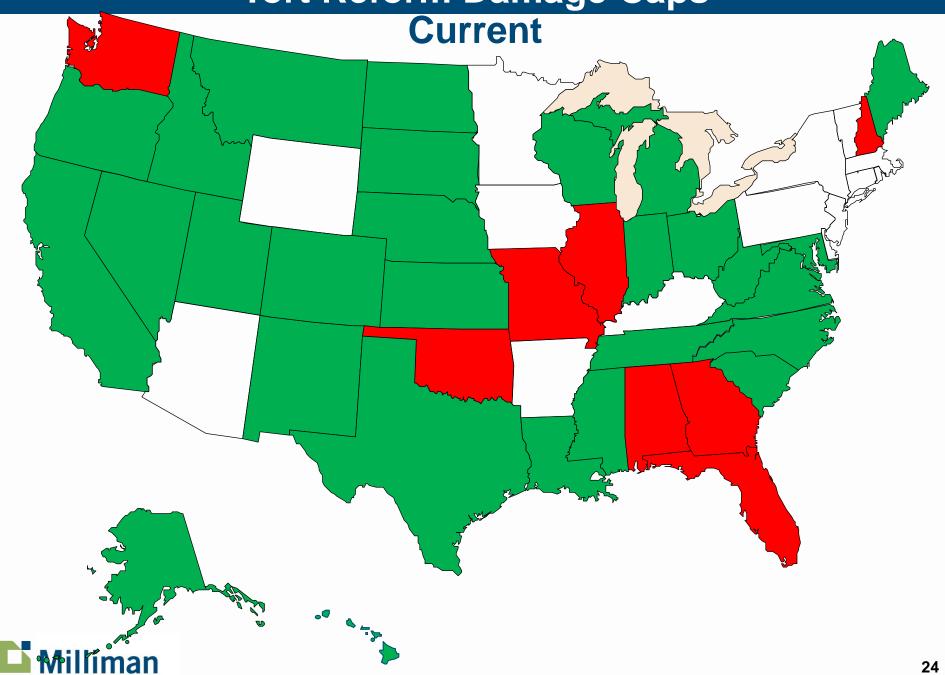




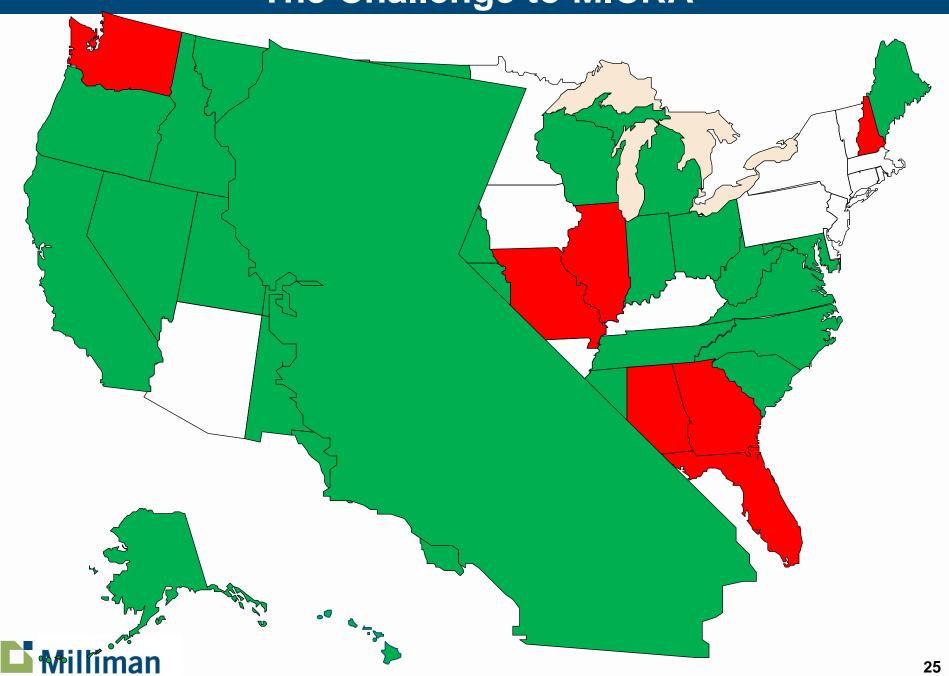








# The Challenge to MICRA



## **Proposition 46**

- ➤ Cap on Non-Economic Damages ↑ \$1.1M
- > Random drug testing of physicians
- CURES database
  - > Requires physicians to query
  - Gives DOJ access to the database
  - "patients do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in their prescription records"
    - DOJ argument in Alwin Lewis, M.D. v. Superior Court of the State of California



## "No On 46" Campaign

- > Costs
  - One public estimate: 33% to 77% increase
- > Access
  - Physicians may choose to practice elsewhere
- > Privacy
  - "patients do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in their prescription records"
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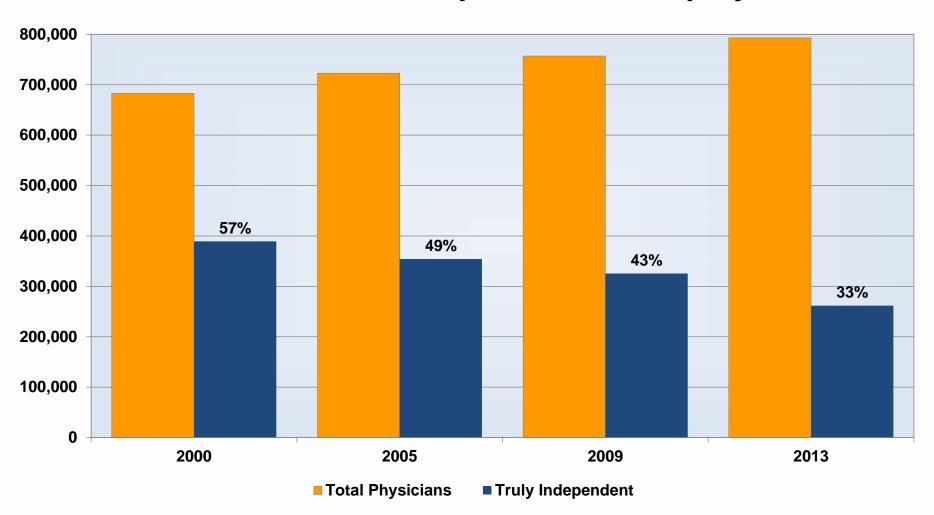


## **Additional Concerns**



## Physician Employment

## **Movement Toward Hospital-based Employment**



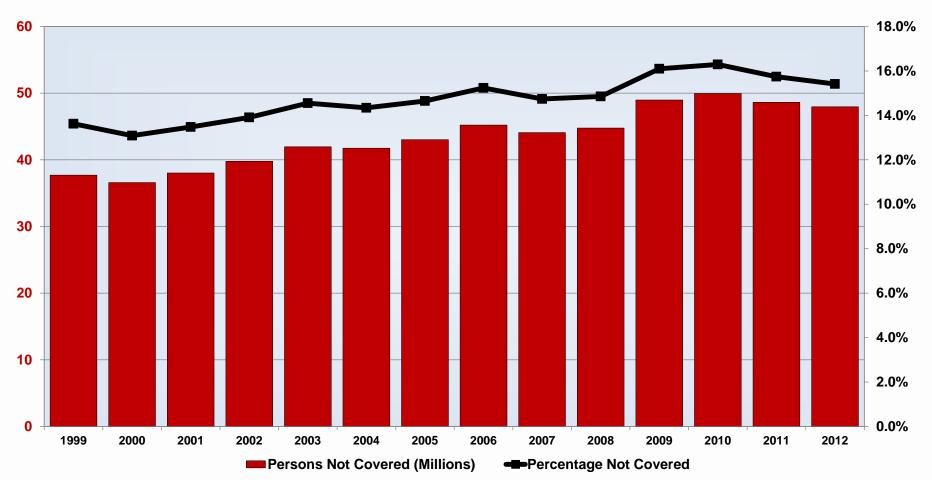
Source: Accenture Outlook - "Adapting to a new model of physician employment"; August 2011



## Increased Utilization

### **Uninsured Persons by Year**

(Countrywide)



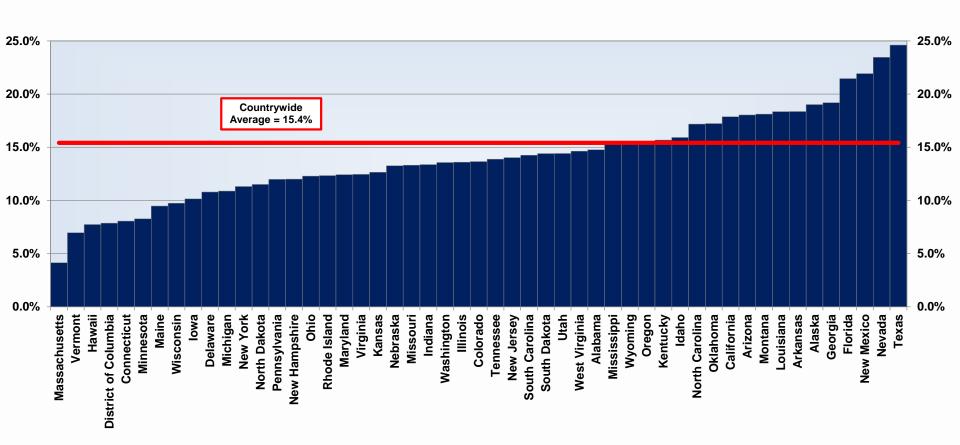
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#### Percentage of Persons not Covered by State

(through 2012)



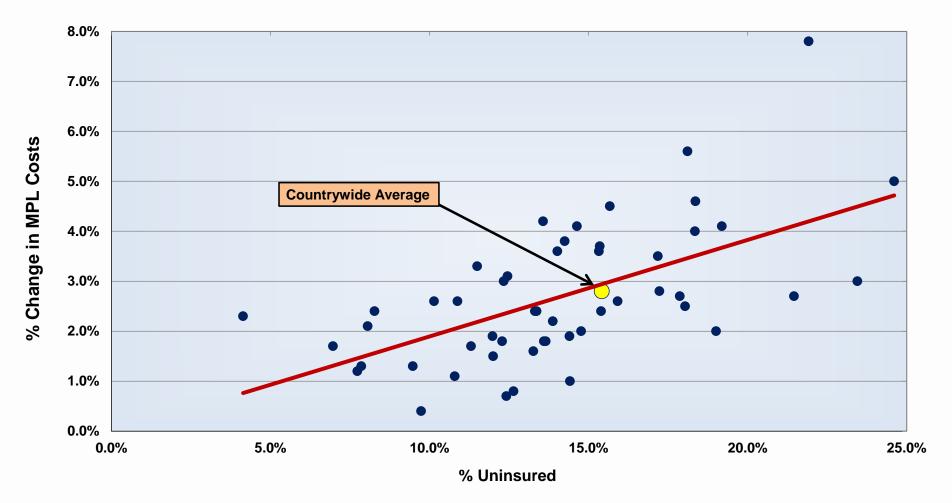
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### **Estimated Changes in MPL Claim Costs by State**

due to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act



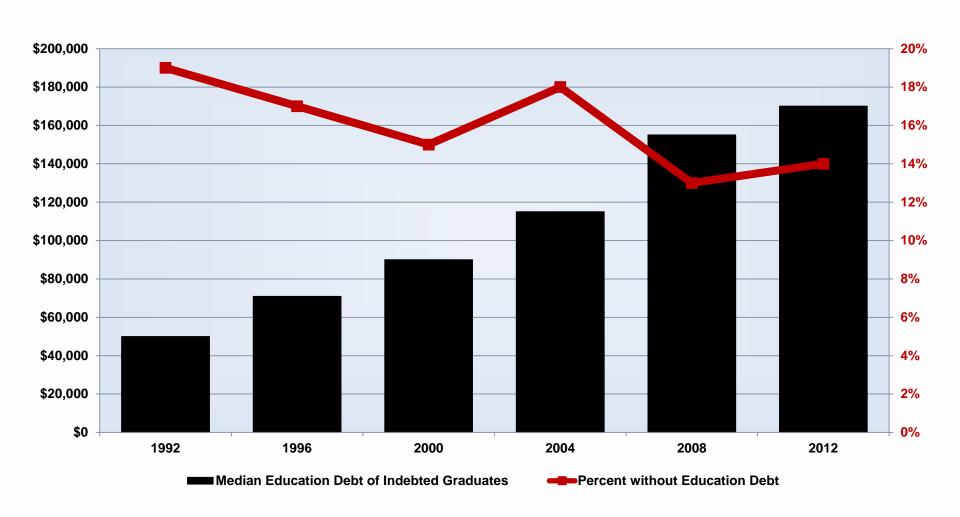
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RAND Corporation - "How Will the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Affect Liability Insurance Costs?"; 2014



## Physician Education Debt

#### **Median Medical School Education Debt**



Source: Association of American Medical Colleges, Physician Education Debt and the Cost to Attend Medical School; 2012 Update



## Closing Thoughts

- > Frequency: no where to go but up?
- > ALAE
  - How to manage a cost that now exceeds indemnity
- Indemnity when will severity rise again?
- Physician employment continuing trend
- > ACA will impact health care availability



## **Other Considerations**



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