

HB 766 -- Medical Malpractice Insurance

Sponsor: Schupp

Beginning January 1, 2014, this bill requires every insurer providing health care providers with medical malpractice insurance to establish a premium rate based on the average of all judgments awarded in medical malpractice cases during the previous calendar year in the county in which the provider practices. If there were fewer than four medical malpractice cases in the county in the previous year, the average of all judgments awarded during the previous five years will be used to determine the rate. If there were fewer than four cases in the county in the previous five years, the average of all judgments awarded during the previous year in a county of similar population size, diversity of practice, and size and type of provider practice must be used to determine the rate. For providers practicing in more than one county, the rate must be adjusted based on the percentage of the provider's practice conducted in each county.