NPDB Guide to Reporting Medical Malpractice Payments

BEFORE SUBMITTING:

A. Must be an exchange of money

B. Must be the result of a written complaint or claim demanding monetary payment for damages (based on the practitioner’s provision of or failure to provide health care services)

C. The practitioner must be named or sufficiently described in both the complaint or claim, and the settlement release or final adjudication

Submit a Medical Malpractice Payment Report

The NPDB notifies the subject of the report when the report is submitted.

SUBMIT A REPORT:

- If the payment was made by an entity comprised of a sole practitioner for the benefit of a named practitioner
- If a practitioner fee was refunded as the result of a written request
- If a business entity comprised of a sole practitioner settles a claim
- If the dismissal of the practitioner was the result of a condition in the settlement or release
- If the payment was based on a high-low agreement that was in place prior to a verdict or arbitration decision

DO NOT SUBMIT A REPORT:

- If the payment made by the individual practitioner out of personal funds (not a solo practitioner corporation)
- If there was a waiver of debt where no money exchanged
- If the settlement is made on behalf of a named business or corporation with multiple practitioners
- If the practitioner was dismissed from the claim or complaint prior to settlement or final adjudication without condition or promise of payment
- If the fact finder ruled in favor of the defendant practitioner and assigned no liability

REPORT MODIFICATIONS (when needed):

Did your organization determine there is an error or omission in a previously submitted report?

Submit a Correction Report

Did your organization determine that an action should not have been reported because:

1. The report was erroneously submitted?
2. The action is not reportable?
3. The action was reversed or overturned?

These are the only reasons for which a report may be voided.

Void the Report

Initial

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