

New Mexico's Medical Malpractice Premium Reduction

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Background

- In 2023, each legislator and the Governor were provided with funds to devote to their specific priorities.
- Governor Lujan Grisham secured \$15.4 million to provide a medical malpractice insurance subsidy to independent health care providers and group practices.
- The New Mexico Office of Superintendent of Insurance (OSI) was charged with implementing the program.
- This June, OSI released program guidance establishing the Medical Malpractice Premium Reduction (MMPR) program parameters, eligibility, discount levels, and other details.



Who is eligible?

- Independent health care providers and group practices that purchased medical professional liability insurance are eligible for the MMPR. In OSI's guidance, a list of companies selling eligible policies is provided.
- Participation in the Patients' Compensation Fund is not required to qualify for the MMPR.
- Surplus & excess line policies and risk retention group policies are not eligible for the MMPR.



How much of a discount is provided?

- Most eligible providers will qualify for a 60.5% discount on their 2023 medical professional liability policy premium.
- Eligible obstetricians and OB-related providers will qualify for an 80.5% discount on their 2023 medical professional liability policy premium.



How will funds be disbursed?

- Medical malpractice insurers will disburse premium rebates back to their customers no later than September 1, 2024.
- Insurers may provide the payment as a credit on a policy, a check, or an electronic payment.
- Payments will be made to the policyholder.



What actions do providers need to take?

- No action is required from providers to receive the MMPR.
- OSI will monitor insurers to ensure accurate and timely payments are issued in accordance with the Bulletin.
- If providers have any issues or questions, they can email mmpr.inquiry@state.nm.us.



How long does the program last?

- This was a one-time special appropriation. The program will provide temporary premium relief.
- Legislation (such as [HB 234 – 2024](#)) has been introduced in recent legislative sessions to provide multi-year funding for a similar program, but those bills have not been passed into law.



Resources

- [Bulletin 2024-012](#)
- [FAQ for Providers](#)
- [Enabling Legislation](#)

Questions?

