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Tort Reform Update: Two Southern States in the News

Both Florida and Louisiana are in the news concerning medical liability reform. Here's the latest.

The Florida Supreme Court recently voted to [eliminate the cap on non-economic damages](#), declaring it unconstitutional. The Florida Medical

1. Could Your Office Pass an EHR Meaningful Use Audit?

If your practice is receiving government payments after attesting to "meaningful use" of EHR technology, pay attention: **You may be subject to an audit.**

Learn what triggers them and more at [Meaningful Use Audits: Can Your Office Pass?](#), a webinar taking place **April 16** at noon. Right from your home or office, you'll learn what the audit process entails, and, more important, what steps you can take to avoid being selected for one.

CME offered. Open to physicians and their practice staff.

Questions? Please contact ISMIE's Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or [by email](#).

2. When Considering Your Next Career Move ... Knowledge is Power

Should I maintain my current practice or join a large group or hospital system?

Many physicians are confronted with this choice. The best way to proceed: Arm yourself with information from reliable

Association said the ruling would hurt the state's ability to attract doctors.

Meanwhile, Louisiana lawmakers have [introduced a series of bills tackling tort reform](#), including one to combat lawsuit abuse by requiring frivolous filers to cover court costs. The goal of the bills is to make the Pelican State more economically competitive and eradicate its reputation as a "judicial hellhole."

Kudos to Louisiana lawmakers for figuring out what the Florida Supreme Court seems to have forgotten: States need to retain physicians, not lose them.

sources that will help you make an informed choice.

- Ask a few colleagues who are employed if they would make the same decision again. Get their input on the pros and cons, and ask how their transition to their new position has evolved.
- Take the Illinois State Medical Society Education Center's [Physician Employment and What Doctors Need to Know About Contracting](#) on-demand course, which provides multiple tools to guide your employment decision.
- View the American Medical Association's [AMA Principles for Physician Employment](#) and related resources.

No matter how your practice evolves, ISMIE can provide top medical liability coverage for your specific needs. For more information, please contact the Underwriting Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3350 or [via email](#). If you utilize an insurance broker, you may also wish to contact him or her.

3. Access Updated Medical Record Guidelines Today

Every year, the nuts and bolts of medical record requirements can change. So keep up with this new medical-legal guidance* developed by the Illinois State Medical Society, posted online and available to policyholders 24/7.

- [Medical Record Quick Guide](#), a handy, one-page reference guide to medical record fees and retention.
- [Medical Record Fees Under HIPAA and Illinois Law](#), a medical legal guideline complete with a "HIPAA Copying Charge Calculation Sheet" and a "Patient Copying Charge Notification Sheet."
- [A Physician's Guide to Medical Record Access and Retention](#), helps physicians to be compliant with the law pertaining to medical record access and retention. This comprehensive brochure also offers guidelines for risk management principles concerning medical record documentation.

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