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California Ballot Initiative Aims to Eliminate Medical Liability Caps

A [new ballot measure](#) in California will determine the future of the state's *Medical Injury Compensation Act* (MICRA), which limits non-economic damages to \$250,000. The law, passed in 1975, is considered the

1. Report: Poor Cyber Security Performance for Health Care Entities

Rely on ISMIE for your system security

A [recent report](#) claims that over the past year health care organizations saw a surge in the number of cyber-attacks *and* were slower to respond to them than other industries, such as retail and finance.

But ISMIE policyholders can rest assured: Cyber-liability protection is a feature of your policy at no additional cost (subject to a deductible) and covers:

- Unauthorized disclosure of patient health information and patient identifiers.
- Failure of computer security to prevent a system breach.
- Regulatory actions by the government arising out of unauthorized disclosure and/or computer security breaches.
- If your practice is forced to close due to a computer security breach.

Be familiar with the [additional particulars of this coverage](#), and remember that time is

cornerstone of the state's health care infrastructure.

The California Medical Association (CMA) and other advocates strongly defend the law, which requires patients to notify physicians before they file a lawsuit, among other provisions. CMA asserts that the initiative is written and funded by trial attorneys, and will increase the overall number of medical lawsuits along with the payouts associated with them.

Let's hope California voters make the right choice this November and don't learn the hard way that states without liability reform see a larger overall cost of health care, through both taxes and higher premiums - putting patient access to health care at risk.

of the essence when reporting a cyber-liability claim.

If you become aware of a breach, contact the ISMIE Claims Division at 800-782-4767 or [send an email](#). If you utilize an insurance broker, you may also wish to contact him or her.

2. Crush Everyday Risk with June's Pair of Practice Management Days

CME offered

Is emailing a patient his test results OK? Must I provide an interpreter for a non-English speaking patient? Is my practice secure?

Get these answers and more by attending a live Practice Management Day either on [June 17 in Collinsville](#) or [June 26 in Skokie](#).

This day-long program, designed for policyholders and office staff, will provide the following sessions:

- Establishing a Quality Improvement Program
- Protecting Privacy and Security in Your Practice
- The Do's and Don'ts of E-Communications and Social Media
- Practice Requests: A How-to Guide

There is no cost for ISMIE policyholders

and staff. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

[See all of ISMIE's upcoming learning opportunities](#). Questions? Contact ISMIE's Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or [by email](#).

3. Risk Tip: Class, Dismissed! Be Prepared for Vaccination Demand

With summer almost underway, appointment books are being filled and school-aged kids will soon swarm doctor's offices for required vaccinations. This seasonal demand begs the question of who, other than a physician, can legally administer these injections in an office setting.

That answer, and more, can be found in ISMIE's **Risk Management Resource Library**, which provides helpful information on both [injections/vaccinations administration](#) and [physician delegation guidelines](#).

Have another risk-related question? Browse the library's [extensive list of risk management topics](#) or contact the Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or [by email](#).

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