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Disability Resource Group (DRG) is partnering with ISMIE to offer a high limit disability program exclusively for policyholders. Now you can get the income protection you

Trial Lawyer-Backed Bill Attacks Medical Peer Review

The Illinois Trial Lawyers Association is behind a proposed bill that removes long-afforded confidentiality protections for physicians and hospitals engaging in peer review, research and medical studies.



S.B. 1700 repeals the *Medical Studies Act*, which was established by the Illinois General Assembly and then validated through our court system to ensure full and frank discussions for hospital peer review and quality control committees.

Illinois courts have consistently decided that the confidentiality of documents and information that are a key part of the peer review committee process should be maintained and not made available to plaintiff attorneys.

[Read the Illinois State Medical Society's opposition paper](#) to S.B. 1700, and [contact your State Senator](#) to urge him or her to fight this troubling legislation.

Consult Your Calendar and Prep for Your 2015 Practice Assessment

Completing a practice assessment can help reduce your practice liability and provide you a two year, 5% premium discount. But hurry and request one today, as only **three weeks remain** to schedule an assessment and ensure your practice is assessed in 2015.

With your appointment set, the next step is preparation. View our guides and materials for:

need and have peace of mind—at a discount.

Enrollment for this coverage is only available until **May 13**, so inquire [at this dedicated website](#) for policyholders.

For more info, contact DRG directly at 800-945-9719 ext. 320, or [send an email](#). If you utilize an ISMIE Mutual broker, you may wish to contact him or her.

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Requests received after April 1 will be accommodated on a rolling basis as availability allows. [More details](#).

Questions? Please contact ISMIE's Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or email riskmanagement@ismie.com.

Reminder to Volunteering Docs: You're Covered



Aesop once said that no act of kindness, no matter how small, is *ever* wasted.

With that in mind, remember that as a physician with an active ISMIE policy, you're already insured if you want to provide care without remuneration in a designated free medical clinic.

Also, tell your colleagues that ISMIE offers Free Medical Clinic Coverage as a stand-alone policy for a nominal annual premium that includes free tail (reporting endorsement) coverage when the policy is canceled.

[Learn more about this and other ISMIE custom coverage options today.](#)

Questions? Contact the Underwriting Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3350 or [by email](#). If you utilize an insurance broker, you may also wish to contact him or her.

Taking a Time Out? Consider Locum Tenens

If you're pondering a practice leave, either due to vacation or a shifting career schedule, look into ISMIE's locum tenens coverage. Here's the scoop.

Locum tenens coverage provides liability protection for a substituting physician in your absence. Qualified policyholders may be covered for the first 30 days for no additional premium. Policyholders, other than emergency room physicians, are eligible for the next 60 days (up to a maximum of 90 days) for an additional premium.

Fill out [an application for locum tenens coverage](#) and submit at least seven days in advance of the substituting physician's first date of desired coverage.

For more information about this unique coverage, [email](#) the Underwriting Division or call 800-782-4767 ext. 3350. If you utilize an insurance broker, you may also wish to contact him or her.



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