



Alaska State Medical Board

Board News Bullets

Topic: Malpractice Settlement Required Reporting

In 1991, the legislature passed a law, Alaska Statute 08.64.345, that requires that physicians report the results of all malpractice claim settlements to the board within thirty (30) days of the date of the resolution of the claim.

The Alaska State Medical Board's statutes and regulations require the following:

1 - Malpractice settlements must be reported to the board within thirty (30) days from the date of the resolution of the claim.

2 - Such reports are to be submitted on a reporting form provided by the board. Copies of the form may also be obtained from the board's Web site at: <http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pmed3.htm>

3 - Reports are to be submitted by the physician, not the physician's attorney or insurance carrier. The board wishes to hear from the physician about the nature of the claim and the physician's response to the allegations.

The medical board reviews each report at its board meetings. The board members make a decision whether the report should be closed with no further review or referred to the investigations unit for further inquiry.

Malpractice report information is required by law to be reported to the medical board, and the board is also required by law to make such information available to the public.

Failure to report the resolution of a malpractice settlement within the time provided by law may result in disciplinary sanctions.

Questions about the information contained in this Bullet?

Please contact the board's staff at 907/269-8163 or license@commerce.state.ak.us

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