

# Medical Professional Liability Payers to Attest Reporting to the National Practitioner Data Bank

The National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) is now requesting that registered medical professional liability (MPL) payers attest that they are meeting their NPDB reporting requirements. The NPDB is a secure online repository of reports containing information on MPL payments and certain adverse actions related to healthcare practitioners, providers, and suppliers. It is operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Attestation is the NPDB's national education and outreach effort to ensure that all eligible MPL payers (along with other eligible organizations) are reporting to the NPDB as required by law. The following gives information on attestation and MPL payers' reporting requirements.

## What is attestation?

Attestation confirms that your organization has submitted all required reports over a two-year timeframe. During attestation, your organization will certify that it has submitted all MPL payment reports to the NPDB. If you are an MPL payer that is asked to attest, this request will be a seamless part of the registration renewal process you undertake every two years.

## Registration and attestation

MPL payers are notified by e-mail when it is time to renew their registration and complete

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attestation. The NPDB will send a 60-day reminder e-mail to the Data Bank administrator prior to the entity's NPDB registration renewal/attestation due date. If a registered MPL payer has not received notification, then its renewal is not currently due. Detailed instructions for attestation will be available when you sign in to your NPDB account to renew.

To find out the specific registration renewal date for your organization:

1. Sign in to the NPDB.
2. The renewal date will display on the lower left-hand side of the Entity Registration Confirmation page.

For organizations not yet registered but that have an MPL payment to report to the NPDB, you must register with the NPDB at [www.npdb.hrsa.gov](http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov).

## What must MPL payers report to the NPDB?

MPL payers make payments for the benefit of

healthcare practitioners. If those payments are in settlement of—or in satisfaction in whole or in part of—written claims or judgments against practitioners, their payment information must be reported to the NPDB.

MPL payments are limited to exchanges of money and must be the result of a written complaint or claim demanding monetary payment for damages. The written complaint or claim must be based on a practitioner's provision of or failure to provide healthcare services. A written complaint or claim can include,

but is not limited to, the filing of a cause of action based on the law of tort in any state or federal court or other adjudicative body, such as a claims arbitration board. Eligible entities must report when a lump sum payment is made or when the first of multiple payments is made. To learn more about MPL payer reporting requirements, please see the MMPR section of the NPDB Guidebook.

MPL payers report to the NPDB under the authority of Title IV of Public Law 99-660, The Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986 and 45 CFR § 60.

## Additional information

For additional information, visit the NPDB website at <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov>. For technical questions related to registration and attestation, contact the NPDB Customer Service Center. Policy questions may be sent via email to [NPDBPolicy@hrsa.gov](mailto:NPDBPolicy@hrsa.gov). **MPL**