

Executive Department - Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

MISSION

The Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (HCADRO) works to offer an expedient alternative resolution process for medical malpractice claims. The Office serves as the State's only accurate and accessible information source for health care facilities and the general public regarding medical malpractice complaints against physicians and other health care providers.

VISION

To further decrease the number of medical malpractice cases requiring trial at the Circuit and U.S. District Court Systems.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. To alleviate the Circuit and U.S. District Courts' caseload by lowering the number of cases waiving the arbitration process.

Obj. 1.1 Follow cases closely, closing as many as possible by promptly ruling on Motions to Dismiss or Dismissals for Lack of Prosecution or arbitration.

Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Number of cases pending at HCADRO	228	186	204	194	179	184	189
Cases closed at HCADRO by panel	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
Cases closed at HCADRO by Director or parties	115	143	124	127	153	160	170

Goal 2. To make accurate information regarding medical malpractice claims more readily available to health care institutions and the general public.

Obj. 2.1 Decrease the time required to fulfill requests for copies of medical malpractice claims.

Obj. 2.2 Maintain or decrease the time required to fulfill written requests for information regarding medical malpractice claims against a physician.

Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Number of copies of claims requested by health care facilities	474	504	365	399	401	420	422
Number of copies of claims forwarded to requesting health care facilities	464	499	364	399	401	404	406
Average time required to fulfill requests (in days)	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.2
Responses forwarded to requesting health care facilities	5,799	8,048	3,178	8,737	8,969	9,200	9,300
Average number of telephone calls responded to per day	10	10	10	10	20	24	26
Average time required to fulfill written requests (in hours)	2.2	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9