

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	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Est.	2023 Est.
Number of cases pending at HCADRO	204	194	179	166	167	170	173
Cases closed at HCADRO by panel	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cases closed at HCADRO by Director or parties	124	127	153	97	54	57	60
Cases waived at HCADRO by Director or parties	287	322	280	360	384	385	386

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	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Est.	2023 Est.
Number of copies of claims requested by health care facilities	365	399	401	451	622	700	780
Number of copies of claims forwarded to requesting health care facilities	364	399	401	451	622	700	780
Average time required to fulfill requests (in days)	1.0	1.9	1.4	2.3	3.6	3.2	2.9
Responses forwarded to requesting health care facilities	3,178	8,737	8,969	7,892	9,577	9,600	9,700
Average number of telephone calls responded to per day	10	10	20	18	22	25	27
Average time required to fulfill written requests (in hours)	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.6