

Iowa's Medical Liability System in Crisis

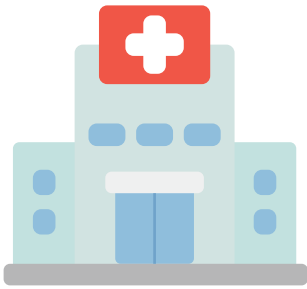
In recent years, Iowa has seen a substantial jump in high-dollar medical malpractice awards against physicians and facilities. Driven by the questionable tactics of national trial attorneys exploiting Iowa's lack of a hard cap on noneconomic damages, these judgements are placing small, rural facilities in financial peril:

- **Maxing out Liability Coverage**
- **Draining Reserve Funds**
- **Increasing Liability Premiums**
- **Reducing Liability Coverage**
- **Threatening the Ability to Provide Care**

\$107 Million

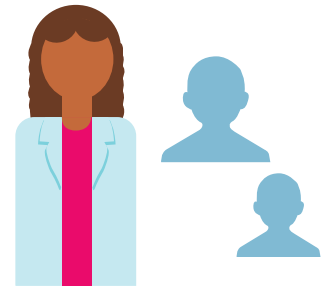
**Noneconomic Damages Awarded
IN JUST 6 CASES**

Iowa Needs a Hard Cap on Noneconomic Damages



25 - 50%
Increases
in Liability
Premiums

Liability
Coverage Cut
by **1/3** or
More



28 States

Cap Noneconomic Damages
or Total Damages

\$1 Million Cap

Proposed for Iowa Would be Among
the **Highest** in the Country

Juries focus on a single case, not Iowa's healthcare system as a whole... ...legislators must focus statewide.

Legislators are the only ones who are tasked with making a public policy decision to balance the need to compensate individuals in a single case with the need to keep our healthcare industry viable. Juries and judges can't take this 30,000-foot view of the system. **Legislators can and should.**

Economic Damages

Tangible damages commonly including loss of wages, lost future earnings, and current or future medical costs.

Remain Unlimited Under Our Proposal

Noneconomic Damages

Intangible damages arising from pain, suffering, inconvenience, physical impairment, mental anguish, loss of chance, loss of consortium, or any other nonpecuniary damages.