


Translating Research Into Policy

National Perspectives


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Road Map


- o Medical liability landscape
- o Concept to reality
- o Pilot variations
- o Possible funding sources

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Medical Liability Landscape: A Snapshot

- o Stabilized rates (albeit at high levels)
- o Continuing weaknesses
 - Efficiency/costs
 - Lack of predictability
 - Limited deterrence
 - Little impact on quality
- o Political environment
- o RWJF

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Administrative Compensation For Medical Injuries

- o Theory: like workers' compensation for medical injuries
- o Reality: incremental innovation is necessary (if you're lucky!)

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Administrative Compensation: Incremental Pilot Proposals

- o Limited by clinical area
- o Defined by size of claims
- o Limited to geographic area (or institution)
- o Done solely on a patient opt-in basis

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States Exploring Iterations

- o CO: working group
- o MA: building on coverage bill
- o MD: specialty track history
- o PA: hospital-based pilot
- o Interest in other states ("laboratories of experimentation")

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Possible Funding Sources

- o Federal government
 - Enzi-Baucus bill
 - Cooper-Thornberry bill
- o State support
- o Foundation support
- o Private funding – opt-in initiative

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No *One* Way ...

"I live by my principles and one of my principles is flexibility."

Everett Dirksen

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