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Medical Liability Insurance Premiums Could Increase By 18 Percent, AMA Reports

Wisconsin’s doctors could see an 18 percent jump in medical malpractice premiums next summer, according to estimates by Pinnacle Actuarial Resources quoted in the American Medical Association News.

In an article, “Wisconsin physicians bracing for jump in insurance costs,” dated August 15, Walling explained that a recent Wisconsin Supreme Court decision, which removes the cap on noneconomic damages, is a major reason for the projected premium increase.

For more information about Pinnacle’s estimate, contact Rob Walling at (309) 665-5010 or write rwalling@pinnacleactuaries.com. To read the AMA article, go http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/.

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