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Even if doctors choose to stay in business, some are relocating to states with laws that provide more protection for patients.

"It didn't really matter if I did anything wrong or how good a doctor I was or how much time I spent with a patient.

In many cases, the lawsuit has nothing to do with a doctor's ability. Instead, the patient's fear of litigation is the driving force.

Insurance Crisis

"The malpractice insurance crisis dates back to the early 1970s, when the cost of claims soared and many doctors were forced to leave the profession.

In 1974, thousands of physicians faced the dual dilemma of not only meeting the rising cost of malpractice insurance but also maintaining their standard of care.

There are many in the medical field who believe America needs Congress to pass national legislation to address the crisis.

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