



OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

March 6, 2026

The Honorable Dan Bronoske, Chair
House Health Care & Wellness Committee

The Honorable Annette Cleveland, Chair
Senate Health & Long-Term Care
Committee

The Honorable Amy Walen, Chair
House Consumer Protection & Business Committee

The Honorable Claudia Kauffman, Chair
Senate Business, Trade & Economic
Development Committee

The Honorable Jamila Taylor, Chair
House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee

The Honorable Manka Dhingra, Chair
Senate Law & Justice Committee

RE: Medical Malpractice Claims Data – Statistical Summaries

Dear Senators and Representatives,

In 2006, the Legislature passed Second Substitute House Bill 2292, codified in Chapter 48.140 RCW, to address a number of concerns, including insufficient availability of medical malpractice claim data to support policy decisions. As required by [RCW 48.140.040\(2\)](#), this letter is to notify you that my office needs additional time to post statistical summaries to the Office of the Insurance Commissioner's (OIC) website.

Attorneys, insurers and self-insurers have until March 1 to report claims data to the OIC on claims from the prior year. Typically, my office receives hundreds of claim reports in the month prior to the March 1 deadline, and some after. After the reports have been submitted, my staff then audit the data. Each year we must contact data reporters for dozens of individual claims to request corrections and clarifications. This time-consuming process must be completed before I can release any data to the public.

Under RCW 48.140.040(2), the OIC must post statistical summaries of claim data to its website by April 30, 2026, "...unless the commissioner notifies legislative committees by March 15th that data is not available, and informs the committees when the summaries will be completed." My staff will post the summaries on the OIC website by July 1, 2026. Once posted, they will be available at <https://www.insurance.wa.gov/legislative-and-commissioner-reports>.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Kuderer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Patty Kuderer
Insurance Commissioner

Sent via email.