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Medical Malpractice “Tort Reform” = Tiny Savings, Big Costs

The Congressional Budget Office found that if you enacted an entire menu of extreme “tort reforms,” including “caps” and other laws that would prevent legitimate cases from going forward, the savings would be only 0.5% of health care costs.



At the same time, CBO also notes that tort restrictions could lead to a .2 percent increase in the nation’s overall death rate. That’s another 4,853 Americans killed each year by medical malpractice.

Source:

Letter from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office, to Senator Orrin G. Hatch, October 9, 2009.

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