

Administration, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Medicare, or the North Carolina Medicaid program.

(10) Conviction of a felony.

(11) Conviction of certain misdemeanors, occurring within the last 10 years, in accordance with rules adopted by the Board.

(12) Any medical license, active or inactive, granted by another state or country.

(13) Certain malpractice information received pursuant to ~~G.S. 90-14.13~~G.S. 90-5.3, G.S. 90-14.13, or from other sources in accordance with rules adopted by the Board."

SECTION 3. Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 90-5.3. Reporting and publication of medical judgments, awards, payments, and settlements.

(a) All physicians and physician assistants licensed or applying for licensure by the Board shall report to the Board:

(1) All medical malpractice judgments or awards affecting or involving the physician or physician assistant.

(2) All settlements or payments in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) or more affecting or involving the physician or physician assistant occurring on or after May 1, 2008.

(b) The report shall contain the following information:

(1) The date of judgment, award, payment, or settlement.

(2) The specialty in which the physician or physician assistant was practicing at the time the incident occurred that resulted in the judgment, award, payment, or settlement.

(3) The city, state, and country in which the incident occurred that resulted in the judgment, award, payment, or settlement.

(4) The date the incident occurred that resulted in the judgment, award, payment, or settlement.

(c) The Board shall publish on the Board's Web site or other publication information collected under this section. The Board shall publish this information for seven years from the date of the judgment, award, payment, or settlement. The Board shall not release or publish individually identifiable numeric values of the reported judgment, award, payment, or settlement. The Board shall not release or publish the identity of the patient associated with the judgment, award, payment, or settlement. The Board shall allow the physician or physician assistant to publish a statement explaining the circumstances that led to the judgment, award, payment, or settlement, and whether the case is under appeal. The Board shall ensure these statements:

(1) Conform to the ethics of the medical profession.

(2) Not contain individually identifiable numeric values of the judgment, award, payment, or settlement.

(3) Not contain information that would disclose the patient's identity.

(d) The term "settlement" for the purpose of this section includes a lump-sum payment or the first payment of multiple payments, a payment made from personal funds, or a payment by a third party on behalf of the physician or physician assistant.

(e) Nothing in this section shall limit the Board from collecting information needed to administer this Article."

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.