

PATIENTS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM

Florida Physician Survey Responses

During March 2011, Jackson Healthcare presented the components of the Patients' Compensation System to over 100,000 physicians, including a web-based survey to collect feedback. The survey had an error range of 2.2 percent, at a 95 percent confidence level. The results of this survey are summarized below.

QUESTIONS	STRONGLY AGREE / AGREE
1. Physicians practice defensive medicine to avoid being held personally financially liable	98%
2. Physicians practice defensive medicine because they abhor defending themselves in lawsuits	98%
3. Traditional tort reform (caps) addresses the reasons physicians practice defensive medicine	32%
4. Physicians will discontinue to practice defensive medicine under traditional tort reform	27%
5. How strongly do you agree or disagree that the proposed Patients' Compensation System (PCS) will reduce the practice of defensive medicine	91%
6. The PCS system will increase the quality of care as a result of physician willingness to admit mistakes and share lessons learned in best practices	85%
7. Patients will benefit more from the new PCS system than from the current litigation systems	91%
8. If the PCS proposal became law, how would it influence the way you practice defensive medicine	78%
	(eliminate or reduce)