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State Laws Chart I: Liability Reforms

State	Damage Caps	Joint Liability Reform	Collateral Source Reform	Attorney Fees Limited	Periodic Payments Permitted
Alabama	None on pain and suffering. Punitive damages capped at 3x compensatory damages or \$500k (1.5mil if a physical injury) whichever is greater. (\$400k) P+S Cap was found unconstitutional in <i>Moore v. Mobile Infirmary Assn's</i> , 592 So.2d 156 (Ala. 1991).	No. Each defendant is jointly and severally liable. <i>Matkin v. Smith</i> , 643 So. 2d 949, 951 (Ala. 1994).	Collateral sources evidence admissible. Plaintiffs allowed to introduce evidence as to cost of obtaining collateral source as damages and collect these damages from defendants. Alabama Code § 6-5-522.		Yes for awards of future damages in excess of \$150,000. Alabama Code § 6-11-3(3)(c)(1).
Alaska	\$250,000 cap on non-economic damages; \$400,000 cap on non-economic damages for wrongful death or severe permanent physical impairment that is more than 70% disabling. Alaska Statutes section 09.55.549.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence. Alaska Statutes § 09.17.080(d).	Yes. After the factfinder has rendered an award, and not including evidence of benefits received from a federal program that must subrogate, or death benefits paid under a life insurance policy. Alaska Statutes § 09.17.070.		Yes. Court may enter periodic payment award for future damages at plaintiff's request. Alaska Statutes § 09.17.040(d).
Arizona	None - Constitution prohibits limiting recoverable damages.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence, except where codefendants act in concert or a person is an agent or servant of a party, or violations of duties created under the Federal Employer's Liability Act. Arizona Statutes § 12-2506 (2001).	Collateral Source Rule applies. Discretionary in cases of medical malpractice. Defendant may submit evidence of collateral sources of payment and claimant may submit evidence of amount paid to secure benefits. AZ Rev Stat § 12-565 (2014). See Lopez v. Safeway Stores, Inc., 129 P.3d 487, 496 (Ariz. 2006).	No. But at the request of any party the court shall review the reasonableness of each party's attorney's fees. Arizona Statutes § 12-568.	Found unconstitutional <i>Smith v. Myers</i> , 887 P.2d 541 (Ariz. 1994).

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Arkansas		Pure several liability, tortfeasor only liable for their proportion of the negligence. Arkansas Code § 16-55-201 (2003).	Collateral Source Rule applies. See, e.g., Johnson v. Rockwell Automation, Inc., 308 S.W.3d 135 (Ark. 2009).		Yes. Mandatory, upon motion by either party, for future damages in excess of \$100,000. Arkansas Code § 16-55-208(a)(1)-(2).
California	In 2022, California enacted AB 35. Noneconomic damages in cases not involving a patient death are capped at \$350k starting January 1, 2023, with an incremental increase over the next 10 years to \$750k and a 2.0% annual inflationary adjustment after that. Cases involving a patient death will have a limit of \$500k on the effective date of January 1, 2023, with an incremental increase over the next 10 years to \$1 million and a 2.0% annual inflationary adjustment thereafter.	Yes. Defendants are proportionately liable for non-economic damages. However, they are jointly and severally liable for economic damages. California Civil Code § 1431.2(a) (2015).	Collateral Source Rule applies. See Howell v. Hamilton Meats & Provisions, Inc., 257 P.3d 1130 (Cal. 2011). In cases of medical malpractice defendant may introduce evidence of collateral sources of payment, claimant may introduce evidence of amount paid to secure benefits. California Civil Code § 3333.1.	Yes. (1) 25% contingency fee limit for claims resolved PRIOR to civil complaint being filed or arbitration demand being made; (2) 33% contingency fee limit for claims resolved AFTER civil complaint is filed or arbitration demand is made. California Business and Commerce Code § 6146.	Yes. Per AB 35 (2022) at the request of either party, periodic payments can be utilized for future economic damages starting at \$250,000. California Code of Civil Procedure § 667.7.
Colorado	\$300,000 cap on non- economic damages, including damages for physical impairment and disfigurement \$1,000,000 cap on total damages. *Adjusted for inflation* Colorado Revised Statutes § 13-80-102.5 (2016).	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence unless persons have consciously conspired and deliberately pursued a common plan or design to commit a tortious act. Colorado Revised Statutes § 13-21-111.5.	Yes. Benefits from collateral sources must be disclosed and used to reduce recoverable economic damages, minus any amount paid by the claimant to secure the benefit. Colorado Revised Statutes § 13-21-111.6.		Yes. Mandatory for awards of future damages greater than \$150,000. Discretionary for damage awards \$150,000 or less. Colorado Revised Statutes § 13-64-203.

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Connecticut		Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence. However, if within one year after the final judgment the court determines that all or part of a defendant's proportionate share is uncollectible, it shall reallocate the uncollectible non-economic damages among other defendants according to their percentages of negligence. The court may not reallocate to any such defendant an amount greater than that defendant's percentage of negligence multiplied by such uncollectible amount. Connecticut General Statutes § 52-572h(c).	Yes. Benefits from collateral sources must be disclosed and used to reduce recoverable economic damages, minus any amount paid by the claimant to secure the benefit. Connecticut General Statutes § 52-225a(a)–(b).	Yes. Limited to 33 1/3% of the first \$300,000; 25% of the next \$300,000, 20% of the next \$300,000, 15% of the next \$300,000, and 10% of amounts exceeding \$1.2 million. Title 52 Civil Actions Chapter 901 Damages Costs and Fees Connecticut General Statutes \$52-251c.	For damages exceeding \$200,000, the court shall give the parties 60 days to negotiate an agreement on method of payment, either in lump sum, periodic payments, or a combination thereof. If they cannot agree, the judge must order payment in a lump sum. Connecticut General Statutes \$ 52-225d.
Delaware		No. Each defendant is jointly and severally liable. Exception: Recovery is barred when a plaintiff is more than 50 percent at fault and if the defendant's conduct was plain negligence.10 Delaware Code § 6301; Blackshear v. Clark, 391 A.2d 747 (Del. 1978).	Yes. The defendant may offer evidence of certain public collateral sources. These sources may not include life insurance or private collateral sources. See Mitchell v. Hunter, 883 A.2d 32 (Del. 2005); Onusko v. Kerr, 880 A.2d 1022 (Del. 2005).	Yes. Fees are limited to 35% of the first \$100,000, 25% of the next \$100,000, and 10% of any remaining award. 18 Delaware Code § 6865.	Yes. Courts may order periodic payment. 18 Delaware Code § 6864.
District of Columbia		No. Each defendant is jointly and severally liable. Exception: Recovery is barred when a plaintiff contributes to his or her own injuries. National Health Laboratories, Inc. v. Ahmadi, 596 A.2d 555 (D.C. 1991).	Collateral Source Rule applies. See Hardi v. Mezzanotte, 818 A.2d 974, 984 (D.C. 2003).		Yes, but not mandated.

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Florida	\$500,000 damage cap overturned, North Broward Hosp. Dist. V. Kalitan, 219 So.3d 49 (Fla. 2017).	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence. Florida Statutes § 768.81(2) (2015).	Yes. The court must reduce damages by the amounts paid to the claimant from collateral sources. If a right of subrogation exists, there is no reduction in damages. Benefits received by the government sources are not considered collateral benefits. Florida Statutes § 768.76(1).	Patients receive 70% of the first \$250,000 awarded and 90% of the remainder of the award. Attorneys will still get payment for court and witness expenses. Patients may waive contingency fee limits. Fla. Const. Art. 1, § 26 (2021).	Yes. For future economic awards exceeding \$250,000, the court must order periodic payments at the request of any party unless the court determines that manifest injustice would result to any party. Florida Statutes § 768.78(1)(a).
Georgia	\$250,000 cap on punitive damages. (1992) \$350,000 cap on non-economic damages for a judgment against all health care provider(s); additional \$350,000 cap on non-economic damages for a judgment against a single health care facility; \$350,000 cap on non-economic damages, not to exceed \$350,000.00 from any single medical facility and \$700,000.00 from all medical facilities. Maximum total award of non-economic damages is \$1.05 million. (2005 (ruled unconstitutional Atlanta Oculoplastic Surgery PC v. Nestlehutt, 691 S.E.2d 218 Ga. 2010)). Georgia Code §	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence. If the plaintiff is to some degree responsible for the injury or damages claimed, the judge must first decrease the damages based on the plaintiff's degree of fault. Georgia Code § 51-12-33 (2005).	Collateral source rule applies to bar admission of medical, hospital, disability income, or other expenses. Candler Hosp. v. Dent, 491 S.E.2d 868 (1997).	(2021).	Upon the request of either party, the court must establish a schedule of payments for future damages exceeding \$350,000. Georgia Code § 51-13-1(f).

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Hawaii	\$375,000 cap on non- economic damages, with exceptions for certain types of damage, i.e., mental anguish. Hawaii Statutes § 663-8.7.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence, with the following exceptions: recovery of economic damages in actions involving injury or death, and non-economic damages in such actions, where a tortfeasor's negligence is 25% or more; intentional torts; strict liability torts; and product liability torts.	Provides for the recovery of "reasonable value" of medical expenses. See Bynum v. Magno, 101 P.3d 1149, 1155–57 (2004).	In all tort actions, fees shall be limited to a reasonable amount as approved by the court. Hawaii Statutes § 607-15.5.	
Idaho	\$250,000 cap on non-economic damages per claimant in all personal injury and wrongful death actions. Cap will be adjusted annually beginning on July 1, 2004, based on the average state wage increase. Cap does not apply to willful or reckless conduct or felonious acts. Idaho Code § 6-1603.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence, except where codefendants were acting in concert, or a person is an agent or servant of a party. Idaho Code § 6-803; Jones v. HealthSouth Treasure Valley Hosp., 206 P.3d 473 (Idaho 2009).	Damages plaintiff is allowed to recover reduced by amount actually paid by sources such as Medicaid and Medicare. Idaho Code § 6-1606; see also Dyet v. McKinley, 81 P.3d 1236 (Idaho 2003).	In actions for personal injury, where the amount of plaintiff's claim for damages does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), there shall be taxed and allowed to the claimant, as part of the costs of the action, a reasonable amount to be fixed by the court as attorney's fees. For the plaintiff to be awarded attorney's fees for the prosecution of the action, written demand for payment of the claim and a statement of claim must have been served on the defendant's insurer, if known, or if there is no known insurer, then on the defendant, not less than sixty (60) days before the commencement of the	Yes. Upon the request of either party, at the discretion of the court, and only in PI cases, where damages exceed \$100,000. May not be ordered for intentional torts, gross negligence or an extreme deviation from reasonable standard of conduct. Idaho Code § 6-1602.

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Idaho (CONT.)				action; provided that no attorney's fees shall be allowed to the plaintiff if the court finds that the defendant tendered to the plaintiff, prior to the commencement of the action, amount at least equal to 90% of the amount awarded to the plaintiff. Idaho Code § 12-120(4).	
Illinois	No Cap. \$500,000 cap on non-economic damages for awards against physicians. \$1 million cap on non-economic damages for awards against hospital. (2005). Ruled unconstitutional – <i>LeBron v. Gottlieb Memorial Hospital</i> , 930 N.E.2D 895 (III. 2010).	Several liability only when a defendant is 25 percent or more at fault. Exception: environmental polluters and negligent parties in medical malpractice actions are always joint and severally liable. 735 Illinois Compiled Statutes § 5/2-1117.	Collateral Source rule applies. See Wills v. Foster, 892 N.E.2d 1018 (Ill. 2008).	Yes. Fees are limited to one-third of a plaintiff's award. 735 Illinois Compiled Statutes § 5/2-1114.	Yes. Either party may elect or the court may order partial payment of future medical expenses through an annuity. The court must order the defendant to pay to the plaintiff 20% of the present cash value of future medical expenses and cost of life care. The remaining 80% shall be paid for through an annuity. Ruled unconstitutional – <i>LeBron v. Gottlieb Memorial Hospital</i> , 930 N.E.2D 895 (Ill. 2010).
Indiana	\$1.25 million total cap for any act of malpractice that occurs after 6/30/1999 and before 7/1/2017. \$1.65 million total cap for any act of malpractice that occurs after 6/30/2017 and before 7/1/2019. \$1.8 million total cap for any act of malpractice that occurs after 6/30/2019. Health care providers are not liable for more than: • \$250,000 for an act of malpractice that occurs after 6/30/1999 and before 7/1/2017	Several liability for all but governmental entities and health care providers. Indiana Code § 34-51-2-8.	Yes. Trier of fact shall consider collateral sources of payment when determining award and court shall consider when reviewing awards that are allegedly excessive. Evidence of life insurance or other death benefits; benefits paid by claimant or family; or payments made by state or U.S. prior to trial shall not be considered collateral sources of payment. Indiana. Code § 34-44-1-2.	Yes. Attorney may collect only 15% of damages awarded under Patient Compensation Fund. Indiana Code § 34-18-18-1.	Yes. Law permits, but does not require. Indiana Code § 34-18-14-4.

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Indiana (CONT.)	\$400,000 for an act of malpractice that occurs after 6/30/2017 and before 7/1/2019; and • \$500,000 for an act of malpractice that occurs after 6/30/2019. Any amount awarded in excess of the total liability of a health care provider will be	Joint Liability Reform	Conateral Source Reform	Limiteu	Teriodic Tayments Terinited
	paid through the Patient Compensation Fund. Indiana Code § 34-18-14-3.				
Iowa	In 2023, Iowa enacted HF 161. Noneconomic damages are limited to \$250,000 regardless of the number of plaintiffs, unless the jury determines that there is a substantial or permanent loss or impairment of a bodily function, substantial disfigurement, loss of pregnancy, or death, which warrants a finding that the cap would deprive the plaintiff of just compensation. In such cases, the cap cannot be more than \$1,000,000, or \$2,000,000 if the civil action includes a hospital. These caps increase by two and onetenth percent on January 1, 2028, and each January 1 thereafter. Section 147.136A.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence where a defendant is found to bear less than 50% of the total fault. If a defendant is 50% or more liable, he is jointly and severally liable for economic damages only. Iowa Code § 668.4.	Damages must be reduced by the amount received from collateral sources, "except to the extent that the previous payment or future right of payment is pursuant to a state or federal program or from assets of the claimant or the members of the claimant's immediate family.	No. But courts determine reasonableness of fee arrangements. Iowa Code § 147.138.	Yes. 2001 Acts, ch 85, §1, 8.

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Kansas	\$250,000 cap on non- economic damages. The cap will increase to \$300,000 for causes of action accruing after July 1, 2014; \$325,000 after July 1, 2018; and \$350,000 after July 1, 2022. Kansas Statutes § 60-19a02	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence. Kansas Statutes § 60-258a (1974).	Kansas follows the Second Restatement of Torts, which states "Payments made to or benefits conferred on the injured party from other sources are not credited against the tortfeasor's liability, although they cover all or a part of the harm for which the tortfeasor is liable."		Not mandated.
Kentucky		When court apportions percentage of fault, defendant is only liable for comparable share of damages. Kentucky Revised Statutes § 411.182.	Kentucky follows the Collateral Source Rule.		Not mandated.
Louisiana	\$500,000 cap on total damages, excluding damages recoverable for future medical care. A health care provider covered by the Patient's Compensation Fund shall not be liable for more than \$100,000. The Patient's Compensation Fund will cover the excess amount awarded up to the cap. Louisiana Revised Statutes § 40:1231.2	Damages may be several, joint, or solidary. Louisiana Revised Statutes § 1786.	No. Damages limited to amount paid. Civil Justice Reform Act of 2020, House Bill 57.		Yes. For amounts paid by the state from the Patient Compensation Fund. Louisiana Revised Statutes § 40:1231.4.
Maine	\$750,000 cap on non- economic damages in wrongful death actions Maine Revised Statutes Title 18-C, § 2-807.	No. Each defendant is jointly and severally liable except in cases where the plaintiff's degree of fault is greater than the defendant's. Paine v. Spottiswoode, 612 A.2d 235 (Me. 1992).	Yes. Evidence is admissible after a verdict has been rendered, and the judgment must be reduced by the amount received from collateral sources.	Yes. Fees are limited to 33 1/3% of the first \$100,000; 25% of the next \$100,000; and 20% of amounts over \$200,000. Maine Revised Statutes Title 24, § 2961.	Yes. If damages exceed \$250,000, either party may request periodic payment. Maine Revised Statutes Title 24, § 2951.

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Maryland	The limit on non-economic damages is frozen at \$650,000 until January 1, 2009, after which time the cap will increase annually by \$15,000 per year. Cap applies in aggregate to all claims and defendants arising from the same medical injury beneficiary. Cap also applies in wrongful death actions if the claim involves only one claimant or if the wrongful death action involves two or more claimants or beneficiaries, the total cap on non-economic damages is 125% of the current year's cap. Maryland Courts & Judicial Proceedings Code § 3-2A-09.	No. Each defendant is jointly and severally liable except when a plaintiff contributes to their own injuries. Maryland Code § 3-1401.	Collateral Source Rule applies. See Corapcioglu v. Roosevelt, 907 A.2d 885 (Md. App. 2006).	a) Action maintained in bad faith. If the arbitration panel finds that the conduct of any party in maintaining or defending any action is in bad faith or without substantial justification, the panel may require the offending party, the attorney advising the conduct, or both, to pay to the adverse party the costs of the proceeding and reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the adverse party in opposing it. A determination made under this subsection shall become part of the panel award and subject to judicial review. (b) Approval of disputed legal fee.—If a legal fee is in dispute, an attorney may not charge or collect compensation for services rendered in connection with an arbitration claim unless it is approved by the arbitration panel, or by the court in the event an	Yes. Courts and arbitrators may order periodic payment. Maryland Courts & Judicial Proceedings Code § 3-2A-02.

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Maryland (CONT.)	Damage Caps	Some Liability Reform	Conact at Source Reform	action to nullify a panel determination has been filed therein. Maryland Courts & Judicial Proceedings Code § 3-2A-07.	1 criodic 1 ayments 1 crimited
Massachusetts	\$500,000 cap on non-economic damages, with exceptions for proof of substantial disfigurement or permanent loss or impairment of a bodily function, or other special circumstances which warrant a finding that imposition of such limitation would deprive the plaintiff of just compensation for the injuries sustained. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 231, section 60B.	No. Each defendant is jointly and severally liable. General Law - Part III, Title II, Chapter 231B, § 1.	Collateral Source Rule applies in tort cases. See Law v. Griffith, 930 N.E.2d 126 (Mass. 2010). But in cases of medical malpractice benefits from collateral sources must be disclosed and used to reduce recoverable economic damages, minus any amount paid by the claimant to secure the benefit. General Law - Part III, Title II, Chapter 231, § 60G.	Yes. Fees are limited to 40% of the first \$150,000; 33 1/3% of the next \$150,000 and 30% of the next \$200,000; and 25% of amounts exceeding \$500,000. An attorney may not take an amount that would leave the claimant with less than the amount of unpaid past and future medical expenses, with exceptions.	No.
Michigan	\$280,000 cap on non-economic damages, adjusted annually for inflation, except in cases where the plaintiff is hemiplegic, paraplegic, or quadriplegic due to an injury to the brain \$ or spinal cord, or where the plaintiff has permanently impaired cognitive capacity, or the plaintiff has had a permanent loss of or damage to a reproductive organ, then non-economic damages shall not exceed \$500,000. As of 2021 the \$280,000 cap is	Defendants in Medical Malpractice suits are jointly and severally liable. All others are purely several.	Benefits from collateral sources must be disclosed and used to reduce recoverable economic damages, minus any amount paid by the claimant to secure the benefit. See Michigan Compiled Laws § 600.6303.	Rules limit contingency fees to one third of total compensation. Michigan Court Rule 8.121	

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Michigan (CONT.)	\$476,000 and the \$500,000 cap is \$851,000. A 2012 bill clarified that loss of society or companionship constitutes noneconomic damages and is therefore, subject to Michigan's noneconomic damages limit. Michigan Compiled Laws \$600.1483				
Minnesota		Pursuant to the plain language of Minnesota Statutes § 604.02, an employer subject to workers' compensation laws cannot be held jointly and severally liable with a third-party tortfeasor, and thus third party tortfeasor is liable for the entire verdict awarded in a civil suit with no reduction for the employer's fault. Fish v. Ramler Trucking, Inc., 935 N.W.2d 738 (Minn. 2019). Yes. Joint and several liability law is abolished except for the following persons: persons who are greater than 50% at fault, persons who engage in a common scheme or plan that causes the injury, persons who commit an intentional tort, or persons whose liability is based on an environmental or similar statute. Minnesota Statutes § 604.02 (2003).	Yes. Within 10 days of the verdict and upon motion of a party. In such cases, the court must reduce the award by the amount received from collateral sources. Such reduction shall be offset by any amount paid by the plaintiff to secure the award. Minnesota Statutes § 548.251.	If the fees for legal services provided to the plaintiff are based on a percentage of the amount of money awarded to the plaintiff, the percentage must be based on the amount of the award as adjusted under subdivision 3. Any subrogated provider of a collateral source not separately represented by counsel shall pay the same percentage of attorney fees as paid by the plaintiff and shall pay its proportionate share of the costs. Minnesota Statutes. § 548.251.	Yes. Court must hold hearing in cases where future damages exceed \$100,000 to allow the claimant to consider if damages should be paid periodically. Minnesota Statutes § 549.25 (2020).

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Mississippi	\$500,000 cap on non- economic damages per plaintiff. Mississippi Code § 11-1-60.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence except where they consciously or deliberately pursue a common plan or design to commit a tortious act or actively take part in it. (2004). Mississippi Code § 85-5-7(2) and	Collateral source applies and has no exceptions. See Busick v. St. John, 856 So. 2d 304 (Miss. 2003).		Mississippi Code § 11-57-3.
Missouri	\$400,000 cap on non-economic damages. \$700,000 cap on non-economic damages for cases involving catastrophic injury. Missouri Revised Statutes § 538.210.1. \$350,000 cap on non-economic damages in medical liability actions, overturned, <i>Watts v. Lester E. Cox Medical Centers</i> , 376 S.W.3d 633 (Mo. 2012).	(4). A defendant can only be held jointly liable for damages if the defendant is greater than 51% at fault. A defendant who is less than 51% at fault shall only be responsible for damages in proportion to his or her degree of fault. Missouri Revised Statutes § 537.067 (2016).	Collateral source rule applies. See Porter v. Toys 'R' Us-Delaware, Inc., 152 S.W.3d 310 (Mo. Ct. App. 2004).		Yes. In cases where payment for future damages exceeds \$100,000, court may order periodic payment upon request of either party. Court has upheld the constitutionality of this law. Missouri Revised Statutes § 538.220.
Montana	\$250,000 cap on non-economic damages.	Any party whose negligence is 50% or less of the combined negligence of all persons is severally liable only. The remaining parties are jointly and severally liable for the total less the amount attributable to the claimant. A party may be jointly liable for all damages caused by the negligence of another if both acted in concert or if one party acted as an agent of the other. Montana Code § 27-1-703.	No. A plaintiff's recovery may not exceed amounts actually: (a) paid by or on behalf of the plaintiff to health care providers for reasonable and necessary medical services to the plaintiff; (b) necessary to satisfy charges that have been incurred and at the time of trial are still owing and payable to health care providers for reasonable and necessary medical services rendered to the plaintiff; and (c) necessary to provide for any future reasonable and necessary medical services for the plaintiff. Montana Code § 27-1-308. SB 251 (2021).		Yes. Upon any party's request, the court must enter an order for periodic payment of future damages exceeding \$50,000. Montana Code 25-9-41.

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Nebraska	Nebraska's caps include economic and non-economic damages. Thus, the figures below represent a cap on a plaintiffs total damage award. For malpractice that allegedly occurred after December 31, 2014, the cap is \$2.25M.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence, except where parties have acted in concert and caused harm as part of a common enterprise or plan. Nebraska Revised Statutes § 25-21,185.10.	Collateral source rule applies generally but tortfeasors may be indemnified if the tortfeasor contributed to the collateral source. <i>Strasburg v. Union Pacific R.R. Co.</i> , 839 N.W.2d 273, 275 (Neb. 2013).	No. But upon motion of either party, the court must review and determine reasonableness of fees. Nebraska Revised Statutes § 44-2834.	
	For malpractice that allegedly occurred after December 31, 2003, but on or before December 31, 2014, the cap is \$1.75M.				
	For malpractice that allegedly occurred after December 31, 1992, and on or before December 31, 2003, the cap is \$1.25M. Nebraska Revised Statutes \$44-2825				
	Health care providers who qualify under the Hospital-Medical Liability Act (i.e. carry minimum levels of liability insurance and pay surcharge into excess				
	coverage fund) shall not be liable for more than \$500,000 in total damages. Any excess damages shall be paid from the excess coverage fund.				

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Nevada	\$350,000 cap on non-economic damages. Nevada Revised Statutes § 41A.035.	Yes. Defendants only severally liable for economic or non-economic damages in medical liability cases. Defendants are jointly and severally liable in cases involving (a) strict liability, (b) an intentional tort, (c) the emission, disposal, or spillage of a toxic or hazardous substance, (d) the concerted acts of the defendants, (e) an injury to any person or property resulting from a product which is manufactured, distributed, sold, or used in this State or (f) where defendant does not allege comparative negligence as a defense Nevada Revised Statutes § 41.141; Buck v. Greyhound, 105 Nev. 756, 783 P.2d 437 (1989).	Yes. The judge must reduce the verdict by the amount of any collateral benefits. Third parties are no longer permitted to recover from the defendant the expenses they have paid on behalf of a medical liability victim. Nevada Revised Statutes § 42.021.	Yes. 40% percent of the first \$50,000 recovered; 33 1/3% of the next \$50,000; 25% of the next \$500,000 recovered; and 15% of the amount of recovery that exceeds \$600,000. Nevada Revised Statutes § 7.095.	Yes. When an award equals or exceeds \$50,000 in future damages, the court must allow the same to be paid in periodic payments instead of a lump sum, if requested by either party. Nevada Revised Statutes § 42.021.
New Hampshire		Yes, if a defendant is 50 percent or more at fault or if the defendants acted in concert. New Hampshire Statutes § 507:7-e.	Collateral Source Rule applies. See Cyr v. J.I. Case Co., 652 A.2d 685 (N.H. 1994).	The court must approve fees for actions resulting in settlement/judgment of \$200,000 or more. New Hampshire Statutes § 508:4-e. In any action for medical injury, no attorney representing any party to such action shall contract for, charge or collect on a contingent fee basis any fee for his services to such party in excess of	Yes. The court has authority to order periodic payment. Specific requirements for med mal cases have been ruled unconstitutional. <i>Carson v. Maurer</i> , 120 N.H. 925 (1980).

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State	Damage Caps	Joint Liability Reform	Collateral Source Reform	Attorney Fees Limited	Periodic Payments Permitted
New Jersey	Punitive damages limited to the greater of \$350,000; or five times compensatory damages. New Jersey Statutes § 2A:15-5.14.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence if they are found to be less than 60% at fault. Defendants found to be 60% at fault are subject to a modified rule. New Jersey Statutes § 2A:15-5.3 (1995).	Collateral source payments must be disclosed and deducted from claimant's damages. New Jersey Statutes § 2A:15-97. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals has held that the collateral source aspect of this statute is preempted by ERISA. Levine v. United Healthcare Corp., 402 F.3d 156 (3rd Cir. 2005).	Yes. Fees may not exceed the following: 33 1/3% of the first \$500,000; 30% of the next \$500,000; 25% of the next \$500,000; 20% of the next \$500,000; and an amount the court deems reasonable for fees over \$2 million. New Jersey Court Rules \$ 1:21-7.	Yes, New Jersey Statutes § 17:30D-27 (2020) states that: "Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, in any judgment resulting from a medical malpractice action brought by a claimant for medical malpractice in which the noneconomic damages exceed \$1,000,000, the court shall enter a judgment ordering that 50% of the noneconomic damages be paid immediately, with the costs and attorney's fees to be paid from that amount. The remaining 50% of the judgment shall be paid over 60 months in the form of a structured payment agreement by any person, organization, group, or insurer that is contractually liable to pay the judgment."
New Mexico	In 2024, \$5 million cap on total damages for hospitals, (excluding punitive damages (PD) and past and future medical care). In 2024, the cap for independent outpatient facilities is \$1m. For independent physicians, the cap in 2023 was 750k and it is adjusted annually per CPI. In 2024, except for PDs, etc., the cap is Any award in excess of this amount shall be paid by the patient compensation fund. New Mexico Statutes § 41-5-6.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence except in cases where defendant intended to inflict injury, strict liability, vicarious liability or situations "having a sound basis in public policy." Lewis v. Sampson, 35 P.3d 972 (N.M. 2001) (first of successive tortfeasors); Saiz v. Belen School Dist., 827 P.2d 102 (N.M. 1992) (inherently dangerous activities).	Collateral Source Rule applies. Sunnyland Farms, Inc. v. Central N.M. Elec. Co-op., Inc., 301 P.3d 387 (N.M. 2013).		Yes. Future medical expenses are paid as they are incurred by claimant. New Mexico Statutes § 41-5-7.

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State	Damage Caps	Joint Liability Reform	Collateral Source Reform	Limited	Periodic Payments Permitted
New York		Yes. For non-economic damages. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence if they are found to be 50% or less liable. Defendants can be held jointly and severally liable for economic damages. <i>Cooney v. Osgood Machinery</i> , 612 N.E.2d 277 (N.Y. 1993); Civil Practice Law & Rules Article 16.	Yes. Collateral sources of payment are admissible as evidence and must reduce the award by the amount recovered. Such reduction shall be offset by premiums paid by the claimant for the benefit for two years preceding the action and projected future costs of maintaining benefits. Civil Practice Law & Rules Chapter 8, Article 45 § 4545.	Yes. Fees are capped as follows: 30% of the first \$250,000; 25% of the next \$250,000; 20% of the next \$500,000; 15% of the next \$250,000; and 10% of fees of \$1.25 million or more. N.Y. Judiciary. Law § 474-a.	Yes. Future damages over \$250,000 must be paid periodically. Medical Malpractice. Civil Practice Law & Rules §§ 5031 to 5039.
North Carolina	\$500,000 cap for all claims brought by all parties arising out of the same professional services. Indexed every three years for inflation starting on January 1, 2014 (\$562,338 in 2020). There shall be no cap if the trier of fact finds both that (1) the plaintiff suffered disfigurement, loss of use of part of the body, permanent injury or death; and (2) the defendant's acts or failures, which are the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries, were committed in reckless disregard of the rights of others, grossly negligent, fraudulent, intentional or with malice. North Carolina General Statutes § 90-21.19.	No. Each defendant is jointly and severally liable, except if a plaintiff's failure to use ordinary care was a proximate cause of his or her injury, the plaintiff may not recover unless the case involves willful or wanton conduct by defendants. North Carolina General Statutes § 1B-2. <i>Brewer v. Harris</i> , 279 N.C. 288, 182 S.E.2d 345 (N.C. 1971).	Collateral Source Rule applies. See Cates v. Wilson, 361 S.E.2d 734 (N.C. 1987).		

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North Dakota	\$500,000 cap on non- economic damages. North Dakota Century Code § 32- 42-02.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence except where defendants act in concert in committing, aiding, and encouraging, or ratifying or adopting a tortious act. North Dakota Century Code § 32-03.2-02.	Yes. Defendant may apply to the court for a reduction of economic damages based on collateral sources of payment. North Dakota Century Code §§ 32-03.2-06, 32-03.2-10.		Yes. In cases where future economic damages will be awarded for continuing institutional/custodial care lasting more than two years, a party may request periodic payments. Court has discretion to grant. North Dakota Century Code § 32-03.2-09.
Ohio	Cap on non-economic damages of the greater of \$250,000; or three times economic damages up to a maximum of \$350,000 per plaintiff or \$500,000 if there are multiple plaintiffs. For catastrophic injuries the maximum may increase to \$500,000 per plaintiff or \$1 million for multiple plaintiffs. Ohio Revised Code \$ 2323.43.	Yes. Defendants are responsible for their proportionate share of negligence for non-economic damages. For economic damages, defendants who are 50% or less at fault are responsible for their proportionate share of negligence, but defendants who are held more than 50% at fault are jointly and severally liable. Ohio Revised Code § 2307.22.	Yes. Defendants may introduce evidence of collateral sources of payments made to plaintiffs. The plaintiff may submit evidence of any amount the plaintiff has paid or contributed to secure the benefits. Ohio Revised Code § 2315.20.	No. But their fees are subject to approval by the probate court if their fees exceed the non-economic damages awarded. Ohio Revised Code § 2323.43.	Yes. Court may award periodic payment of damages for awards that exceed \$50,000 if the plaintiff or defendant files a motion with the court. Ohio Revised Code § 2323.56.
Oklahoma	\$350,000 cap on non- economic damages for civil actions arising from claims for bodily injury. Cap applies regardless of the number of parties against whom the action is brought; or the number of actions brought. There shall be no limit on the amount of non- economic damages that may be awarded in a claim for bodily injury resulting from negligence if a judge and jury find, by clear and convincing evidence, that the	Yes. In any civil action based on fault and not arising out of contract, the liability for damages caused by two or more persons shall be several only and a joint tortfeasor shall be liable only for the amount of damages allocated to that tortfeasor. Oklahoma Statutes § 23-15.	Yes. In any medical liability action, the court will admit evidence of payments made to the plaintiff from collateral sources unless the court makes a determination that the payment from a collateral source is subject to subrogation or other right of recovery. Oklahoma Statutes § 12-3009.1.	Yes. In contingency fee arrangements, attorney may not contract to receive more than 50% of the recovery. Oklahoma Statutes § 5-7.	Yes. For awards of future damages that exceed a present value of \$100,000.00, upon request of a party, the court may order, that future damages be paid in whole or in part in periodic payments rather than by a lump-sum payment. Periodic payments shall not exceed seven years from the date of entry of judgment. Oklahoma Statutes § 23-9.3.

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State Oklahoma (CONT.)	Damage Caps defendant's acts or failures to act were: (1) in reckless disregard for the rights of others; (2) grossly negligent; (3) fraudulent; or (4) intentional or with malice.	Joint Liability Reform	Collateral Source Reform	Limited	Periodic Payments Permitted
	Oklahoma Statutes § 23-61.2.				
Oregon	\$500,000 cap for non- economic damages found unconstitutional in the Oregon Supreme Court 468 P.3d 419 (Or. 2020).	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence, but if within one year after the final judgment the court determines that all or part of a defendant's proportionate share is uncollectible, it shall reallocate the uncollectible non-economic damages among other defendants according to their percentages of negligence. Oregon Revised Statutes § 31.610(1).	Yes. White v. Jubitz Corp., 347 Or. 212, 219 P3d 566 (2009) (holding defendants could introduce evidence of amounts written off).	Partially. Attorney fees recovered from an award for punitive damages are limited to 20% of the 40% paid to the prevailing party. No limit on attorney fees for economic or non-economic damages. Oregon Revised Statutes § 31.735.	
Pennsylvania	Constitution prohibits caps on non-economic damages. Punitive damages are capped at 2 times actual damages.	Yes. Liability is several and not joint unless conduct involves an intentional misrepresentation or intentional tort or when the defendant has 60 percent or more of the judgment apportioned to him/her. 42 Pa. C.S. § 7102.	Yes. Awards are reduced by the amount paid to the claimant from other sources. Pennsylvania courts have held that the collateral source rule does not apply to amounts written off by an insurer, since those amounts are never paid by any collateral source. <i>Moorhead v. Crozer Chester Med. Ctr.</i> , 765 A.2d 786, 790 (Pa. 2001).	No. Limits declared unconstitutional in Heller v. Frankston, 75 A.2d 1291 (Pa. 1984).	Yes. For future economic damages that exceed \$100,000; unless the claimant objects. 40 PS §1303.509(b).

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State	Damage Caps	Joint Liability Reform	Collateral Source Reform	Limited	Periodic Payments Permitted
Rhode Island		No. Each party is jointly and	Yes. Collateral source rule applies, except "in a legal		Yes.
		severally liable. Rhode Island	action based upon a cause of action arising after		DI 1 1 1 G 11 827 02
		General Laws § 10-6-2.	January 1, 1987, for personal injury against a licensed		Rhode Island General Laws § 27-9.3.
			physician, hospital, clinic, health maintenance		
			organization, professional service corporation providing health care services under chapter 5.1 of title		
			7, dentist, or dental hygienist based upon professional		
			negligence, the defendant may introduce evidence of		
			any amount payable as a benefit to the plaintiff as a		
			result of the personal injury pursuant to any state		
			income disability or workers' compensation act, any		
			health, sickness or income disability insurance,		
			accident insurance that provides health benefits or		
			income disability coverage, and any contract or		
			agreement of any group, organization, partnership, or		
			corporation to provide, pay for, or reimburse the cost of		
			medical, hospital, dental, or other health care services."		
a	****		Rhode Island General Laws § 9-19-34.1.		
South Carolina	\$350,000 cap on non-	Partially. Defendants who are less	Collateral Source Rule applies. "The only requirement		
	economic damages for a	than 50% at fault are liable only for	for qualification as a collateral source is that the source		
	judgment against a single health care provider or	their proportionate share of	be "wholly independent of the wrongdoer." New		
	institution. An award for	negligence. Defendants who are equal to or greater than 50% at fault	Foundation Baptist Church v. Davis, 257 S.C. 443, 186 S.E. 2d 247 (1972).		
	non-economic damages	can be held jointly and severally	S.E. 2d 247 (1972).		
	against two or more health	liable. South Carolina Code § 15-			
	care providers or institutions	38-15.			
	cannot exceed \$1.05 million				
	with a single provider or				
	institution not liable for more				
	than \$350,000. Cap adjusts				
	annually for inflation based				
	on the Consumer Price				
	Index. South Carolina Code				
	of Laws Title 15, Chapter 32				

State	Damage Caps	Joint Liability Reform	Collateral Source Reform	Attorney Fees Limited	Periodic Payments Permitted
South Dakota	\$500,000 cap on total general damages (non- economic). South Dakota Codified Laws § 21-3-11.	No. Each party is jointly and severally liable, but parties who are allocated less than 50% of the total fault may only be jointly liable for more than 2xs the percentage of fault allocated to that party. South Dakota Codified Laws § 15-8-11.	"[I]n a medical malpractice action, where a plaintiff seeks an award of special damages, the Legislature has made admissible evidence that 'is relevant to prove that any such special damages were paid for or are payable by, in whole or in part, insurance which is not subject to subrogation and which was not purchased privately, in whole or part or were paid for, or are payable by, in whole or in part, state or federal governmental programs not subject to subrogation.' SDCL 21-3-12." <i>Papke v. Harbert</i> , 738 N.W.2d 510, 531 (S.D. 2007).		Yes. If a party makes an effective election and both parties agree or a timely objection is not filed, or if a timely objection is filed but the claimant can prove future damages are in excess of \$200,000. South Dakota Codified Laws §§ 21-3A-1 and 21-3A-2.
Tennessee	\$750,000 cap for non- economic damages for all injuries and occurrences in an action, including health care liability actions. The limit on non-economic damages applies regardless of if the action is based on a single act or omission or on a series of acts or omissions. The cap shall include actions by the plaintiff as well as derivative (%), in which case recovery for any damages barred claims by a spouse or child of the claimant, including loss of consortium. The limit on compensation for non-economic damages may increase to \$1 million in cases of catastrophic loss or injury, which may include:	Only in the following actions: (1) in a civil conspiracy when two or more at fault defendants act in concert; and (2) in a product's claim against a manufacturer on a theory of strict liability or breach of warranty. Tennessee Code § 29-11-107.	Collateral source rule applies except in cases of medical malpractice (Tennessee Code § 29-26-119) but remains in personal injury cases. <i>Dedmon v. Steelman</i> , 535 S.W.3d 431 (2017).	Yes. Attorney compensation shall be awarded by the court; but may not exceed 33 1/3% of total damages. Tennessee Code § 29-26-120.	

State	Damage Caps	Joint Liability Reform	Collateral Source Reform	Attorney Fees Limited	Periodic Payments Permitted
Tennessee	(1) spinal cord injuries	Joint Liability Resorting	Condition of the results	Ziiiited	1 criodic 1 dyments 1 crimited
(CONT.)	resulting in paraplegia or				
(001(1))	quadriplegia;				
	(2) amputation of two hands				
	or two feet or one of				
	each;				
	(3) third degree burns				
	covering 40 percent of				
	the body or the face; or				
	(4) wrongful death of a				
	parent with a minor				
	child(ren).				
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	The cap shall not apply to				
	personal injury or wrongful				
	death cases when:				
	(1) the defendant had a				
	specific intent to inflict				
	serious physical injury;				
	(2) the defendant				
	intentionally falsified,				
	destroyed or concealed				
	records containing				
	material evidence for the				
	purpose of evading				
	liability in the claim; or				
	(3) the defendant was under				
	the influence of alcohol,				
	drugs or other intoxicant				
	or stimulant resulting in				
	substantial impairment				
	and causing the injury or				
	death. Tennessee Code §				
	29-39-102.				

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Texas	\$250,000 cap on non-economic damages for judgments against physicians and health care providers; additional \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages for judgment against first health care institution; \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages if judgment made on any subsequent health care institution. Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 74.301.	Yes. Named defendants are held responsible only for the portion of fault attributable to them, unless a defendant is more than 51% at fault. Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 33.013(a).	Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code Section 41.0105 states "[i]n addition to any other limitation under law, recovery of medical or health care expenses incurred is limited to the amount actually paid or incurred by or on behalf of the claimant." <i>Haygood v. De Escobedo</i> , 356 S.W.3d 390 (Tex. 2011) (holding collateral source rule applies under Texas statute, but plaintiff may not recover more than actual expenses).	Limited	Yes. Court must order payment of periodic damages if the present value of damages in case equals or exceeds \$100k. Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 74.503.
Utah	\$450,000 for non-economic damages. Utah Code § 78B-3-410.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence. Utah Code § 78B-5-818. Except potentially in products cases between the manufacturer, distributors, and sellers of allegedly defective products. See <i>Bylsma v. R.C. Willey</i> , 2017 UT 85, 416 P.3d 595 (2017).	The collateral source rule applies in Utah. <i>Phillips v. Bennett</i> , 439 P.2d 457, 458 (Utah 1968). Evidence of collateral source payments is admissible in medical malpractice actions, except for benefits from payors with subrogation rights. Utah Code § 78B-3-405.	Yes. Total compensation may not exceed 1/3 of total damages. Utah Code § 78B-3-411.	Yes. Any party may request periodic payments, and the court must order such payments if future damages exceed \$100,000. Utah Code § 78B-3-414.
Vermont		No. Each party is jointly and severally liable. Vermont Statutes § 1036.	The collateral source rule applies. <i>See Windsor School Dist. v. State</i> , 956 A.2d 528 (Vt. 2008).		
Virginia	\$2.0 million cap on total damages. Cap will increase by \$50,000 per year starting July 1, 2012, until the increases stop at \$3 million for claims after July 1, 2031. Virginia Code § 8.01-581.15.	No. Each party is jointly and severally liable. Virginia Code § 8.01-443.	Under Virginia Code § 38.2-2201, recovery of "incurred" expenses are permitted under Medical Payments Coverage. An expense is not considered incurred if it is reduced by write-off, paid by a health insurer, or subject to the provider's charitable forgiveness.		Yes. But no requirement exists for such payments in PI cases. Virginia Code § 85-20-290.

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Washington	Damage Caps	Joint and several liability arises only in the following actions: "((1) where the plaintiff is not at fault, (2) where defendants act in concert, (3) a person acted as an agent or servant of a party, or (4) in certain other instances involving hazardous materials or substances, "tortious interference with contracts or business relations," and "the manufacture or marketing of a fungible product in a generic form."	The collateral source rule generally applies. <i>Johnson</i> v. <i>Weyerhaeuser Co.</i> , 953 P.2d 800 (Wash. 1998). However, any party may present evidence to the trier of fact that the plaintiff has already been compensated for the injury complained of from any source except the assets of the plaintiff, the plaintiff's representative, or the plaintiff's immediate family. In the event such evidence is admitted, the plaintiff may present evidence of an obligation to repay such compensation and evidence of any amount paid by the plaintiff, or his or her representative or immediate family, to secure the right to the compensation. Revised Code of Washington § 7.70.080.	Court shall determine the reasonableness of each party's attorneys' fees. Revised Code of Washington § 7.70.070.	Yes. Any party may request periodic payments, and the court must order such payments if future economic damages exceed \$100,000. Revised Code of Washington § 4.56.260.
West Virginia	\$250,000 cap on non-economic damages per occurrence. \$500,000 cap on non-economic damages for cases involving (1) wrongful death, (2) permanent and substantial physical deformity, loss of use of limb or loss of a bodily organ system, or (3) permanent physical or mental functional injury that permanently prevents the injured person from being able to independently care for himself or herself and perform life sustaining activities. Adjusted annually for inflation, but the \$250,000 cap shall not exceed \$375,000 and the \$500,000 cap shall not exceed \$750,000.	Only in the following actions: (1) defendants consciously conspire to commit a tortious act; (2) alcohol or drug influenced driving; (3) criminal conduct; (4) an illegal disposal of hazardous waste; and (5) in cases against political subdivisions or its employee as to each defendant who bears twenty-five percent or more negligence, and (6) defendants who have the same liability on an instrument as makers, drawers, acceptors, indorsers, etc. West Virginia Code § 55-7- 13c(h); West Virginia Code § 29-12A-7; and West Virginia Code § 46-3-116.	Yes. The defendant may introduce evidence of collateral sources of payment – both past and future (see West Virginia Code § 55-7B-9a for details) – into evidence and the plaintiff may introduce evidence of payments made to secure such benefits. The court must reduce the award by the amount the plaintiff recovered from collateral sources offset by any payments or contributions made to secure such benefits.		

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West Virginia (CONT.)	\$500,000 cap on liability due to emergency care conducted in trauma centers. The cap also applies to any act/omission in rendering continued care or assistance in the event that surgery is required as a result of the emergency condition within a reasonable time after the patient's condition is stabilized. Cap does not apply to willful/wanton misconduct or actions in violation of protocols developed by the Office of Emergency Medical Services or recognized standards for triage and emergency health care procedures. West Virginia Code § 55-7B-8.				
Wisconsin	\$750,000 non-economic damages for medical negligence. A wrongful death action may be brought jointly with a negligence action. Wrongful death actions are capped at \$500,000 per occurrence for minors and \$350,000 per occurrence for adults. Wisconsin Statutes § 893.55(4).	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence if they are less than 51% at fault unless a defendant acted as part of a common scheme or plan. Wisconsin Statutes § 895.045(1)-895.045(3).	Evidence of collateral source payments is admissible under sub. (7) only if the evidence is relevant. In a medical malpractice action, evidence of collateral source payments is relevant if it is probative of any fact that is of consequence to the determination of damages. <i>Weborg v. Jenny</i> , 341 Wis. 2d 668, 816 N.W.2d 191 (2021). Wisconsin Statutes § 893.555.	Yes. As follows: 33 1/3% of the first \$1 million, or 25% if certain procedural timeframes are met; 20% of amounts exceeding \$1 million. Court has discretion to increase fees. Wisconsin Code \$ 655.013.	Yes. If future medical expenses are expected to exceed \$100,000. Wisconsin Statutes § 655.013.

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Wyoming	Constitution prohibits caps.	Yes. Defendants are responsible only for their proportionate share of negligence. Wyoming Statutes § 1-1-109.	The collateral source rule applies, but only in tort cases. <i>Miller v. Campbell Co.</i> , 901 P.2d 1107 (Wy. 1995).	Wyoming Contingent Fees Rule 5 Court review. a. It is recognized that contingent fees vary in amount depending upon those factors which are described in paragraph (f) of this rule and that a common contingent fee in casualty and wrongful death cases is 33½ % of amounts recovered prior to appeal and 45-50% of amounts recovered on appeal.	
				Contingent fees which do not exceed the following schedule will be presumed to be reasonable and not excessive where the total recovery does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000): (1) 331/3 % of the recovery if the claim is settled prior to or within sixty (60) days after	

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Wyoming				(2) 40% of the	
(CONT.)				recovery if the	
				claim is settled	
				more than sixty (60)	
				days after filing suit	
				or if a judgment is	
				entered upon a	
				verdict.	
				b. For those amounts	
				of a recovery in	
				excess of one million	
				dollars (\$1,000,000)	
				a contingent fee of	
				30% of such excess	
				sum over one million	
				dollars (\$1,000,000)	
				shall be presumed	
				reasonable and not	
				excessive.	
				c. The provisions of	
				this rule are not	
				intended to abridge	
				the freedom of the	
				attorneys and clients	
				to contract for	
				different	
				percentages.	