

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND FACILITIES
BOARD OF DENTURISTS
POLICY**

TITLE:	Mandatory Malpractice Reports	NUMBER: DN 08
REFERENCE:	Chapter 18.130 RCW – Uniform Disciplinary Act Chapter 18.39 RCW – Denturist	
CONTACT:	Blake Maresh, Executive Director	
EFFECTIVE DATE:	September 26, 2013	
SUPERSEDES:		
APPROVED:	Michael Gillispie	
	Chairperson, Board of Denturists	

Background

Because the brief descriptive nature of the case contained in the mandatory malpractice reports, it is sometimes difficult to determine the appropriate course of action(s) without actually reviewing the related records. There may also be cases where the reports clearly indicate that the case was settled with no liability admitted.

POLICY STATEMENT

Reports of malpractice settlements in the amount of \$3,000 or under will not be investigated provided the practitioner has no pending or previous standard of care complaints, unless a Board of Denturists authorization panel requests investigation of the case.

If the practitioner has pending or previous standard of care complaints, the determination to investigate any malpractice report of \$3,000 or under will be made by a Board of Denturists authorization panel.

Reports of malpractice settlements of \$3,000 and over will be investigated on the request of a Board of Denturists authorization panel.