

**Department Of Health
Health Systems Quality Assurance
Office of Health Professions and Facilities
Washington State Podiatric Medical Board
Policy/Procedure**

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POLICY

Reports of malpractice settlements in the amount of \$20,000 or under will not be investigated provided the practitioner has no pending or previous standard of care complaints, unless a Podiatric Medical Board 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 \$20,000 or under will be made by a Podiatric Medical Board panel.

Reports of malpractice settlements of \$20,001 and over will be investigated on the request of a Podiatric Medical Board panel.