



# Spotlight On Justice



## CAPS ON DAMAGES ARE DANGEROUS



A UCLA Fielding School of Public Health analysis of California's severe cap on damages for harmed patients, found that "by lowering the risk of suit for malpractice, [the cap] weakened the deterrent effect of risk of being sued on a physician's efforts to avoid malpractice.... The best available research suggests imposing caps is associated with a 16% increase in adverse events."

**Jack Needleman, PhD, FAAN, "The California Malpractice Cap on Noneconomic Losses: Unintended Consequences and Arguments for Reform," Fielding School of Public Health, May 9, 2022**

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