

**The Office of Legal Affairs
Healthcare Risk Management**

Please never try to handle legal matters on your own.
Always contact the Office of Legal Affairs and ask to speak to an attorney or the healthcare risk manager.

Upon Separation from the University or Completion of Residency or Fellowship:

If you have a pending claim or lawsuit, please contact the Office of Legal Affairs at 713-500-3268 or legal@uth.tmc.edu and leave a mailing address and telephone number where you may be contacted.

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UT Self-Insurance Plan Professional Liability Insurance FAQs:

(These responses are for physicians, dentists, faculty, residents/fellows/interns, and medical/dental students.)

Name of the Carrier: The University of Texas System Medical Liability Benefit Plan

Contact Information:

512-499-4462
Office of General Counsel – Health Law Section
The University of Texas System
201 West 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2981

Policy Number: N/A, UT is self-insured

Limits of Liability: The limits of liability per claim and the annual aggregate vary by levels: faculty, resident/fellow/intern, or student.

Type of Coverage (claims made / occurrence / extended reporting policy or tail): Per Occurrence

Type of Coverage (Individual or Shared): Individual

Dates of Coverage: Coverage for individual participants begins on the date of employment or registration in medical school or on the date of licensure, whichever occurs latest. Coverage ceases for events occurring after the date of employment or after registration with The University of Texas System is terminated.

To confirm liability limits or dates of coverage: Please contact The University of Texas System, 512-499-4462-phone, 512-499-4523-fax, or HealthLawCredentialing@utsystem.edu.

Professional Liability Insurance (“PLI”) Coverage

Credentialing Requests to The University of Texas System

Professional Liability Insurance (“PLI”) Coverage:

Professional Liability Insurance (“PLI”) coverage is provided through various sources at the University:

- The University of Texas System Medical Liability Benefit Plan: Self insurance that covers medical and dental faculty and covers residents and fellows during rotations outside Memorial Hermann Hospital-TMC. (See Commercial Insurance below for coverage provided for rotations at MHH-TMC.)

Faculty Limits - \$500,000 per claim / \$1,000,000 annual aggregate

Resident Limits - \$100,000 per claim / \$300,000 annual aggregate (rotations outside MHH)

- Commercial Insurance: A policy provided by Memorial Hermann-TMC for any claims or lawsuits resulting from patient care provided during rotations by medical residents and fellows at Memorial Hermann Hospital-TMC.

Limits – \$100,000 per claim / \$300,000 annual aggregate.

- State Indemnification: The State of Texas may provide indemnification from judgment damages to all employees of the State, including all UTHealth employees (e.g., faculty, staff and allied health professionals), and under certain circumstances, to employees of health care entities formally affiliated with a state agency; residents and many fellows are employed by The University of Texas Medical Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization. In general, indemnification may be provided if a judgment is imposed based on an individual’s actions in the course of their regular duties, but the individual cannot be found to have acted in bad faith or with gross negligence or conscious indifference.

Limits – \$100,000 per person / \$300,000 per occurrence.

Credentialing Requests to The University of Texas System:

To obtain a written claims history for a physician or dentist, The University of Texas System requires a written request signed by the requesting doctor. Please be sure to state that you authorize The University of Texas System to release your medical liability claims history. These requests should be sent to The University of Texas System, 512-499-4462-phone, 512-499-4523-fax, or HealthLawCredentialing@utsystem.edu.

Requests for residents and fellows on rotation at Memorial Hermann Hospital System should also be sent to Memorial Hermann’s Office of Insurance Services by email to insverify@memorialhermann.org.

The UTHealth Office of Legal Affairs processes credentialing requests for allied health personnel such as physician assistants, nurse practitioners, CRNAs, nurse midwives, research personnel, social workers, sonographers, and pre-doctoral psychology residents. Requests should be sent to the Office of Legal Affairs via facsimile at 713-500-3275 or email to Catherine.R.Thompson@uth.tmc.edu.