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Doctors still lament the state's onerous liability laws. Is it really as bad as it seems?

By Tony Wright
 Though medical malpractice lawsuits are more frequent and more costly than ever, many physicians still lament the state's onerous liability laws. Is it really as bad as it seems?

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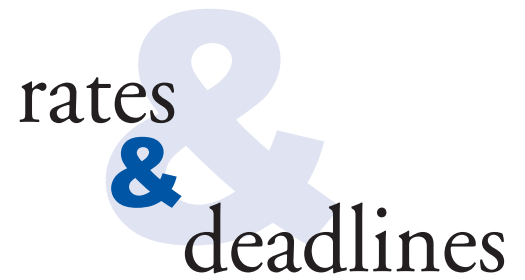
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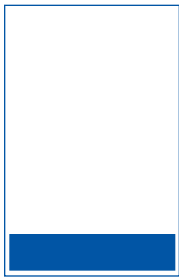
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