Malpractice Reform Stalled

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President Obama's effort to push forth malpractice reform garnered \$25 million to investigate alternate means to the liability system. And then reform was put on hold due to economic issues and political backstabbing. With already constrained provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of \$50 million for states to invest in reform, Congress didn't fund that part f the program. And in negotiating the a new budget for fiscal year 2012, Congress did not give the administration the \$250 million needed to explore other methods of malpractice reform.

With both sides of the political fence fighting over the ideology behind malpractice reform, states are left to grapple with a flawed legal system that often succumbs to "jackpot justice." If the Congressional supercommittee assigned to malpractice reform does not act, the states will be left to handle tort reform themselves.

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