# **How to Report** a Claim

## Report a medical malpractice, potential medical malpractice, or general liability claim

Whether you're seeking help with a hypothetical question or guidance on a medical practice issue, you can call the Risk Management Helpline at 844-223-9648 or email your question to RiskAdvisor@ProAssurance.com.

To report an adverse event or receipt of any court filings, email ReportClaim@ProAssurance.com or call 877-778-2525.

#### Include the following information:

- Full name of claim reporter
- Phone number for callback purposes
- Practice name
- Reason for report, allegations, and date of occurrence
- Full name
- Gina Harris Regional Claims Executive, West 702-697-6424
- Laura Ekery Regional Claims Executive, Southwest **512-314-4360**, **205-802-4751** (Office)
- Mike Reynolds Vice President, Regional Claims, Midwest 517-347-6290

- · Policy number
- · Practice state
- Patient/claimant name and date of birth
- Whether matter has been reported previously
- Legal documents or letters
  - Tara Bostick Vice President, Regional Claims, Southeast 205-337-2351
  - Mark Lightfoot Regional Claims Executive, Northeast 202-969-3102

If you need immediate assistance outside of business hours, please call our regional Claims leadership team.

## **Report of a Cyber Claim**

Cyber liability protection with CyberAssurance® Plus is included in certain medical professional liability policies, and expanded cyber coverage is offered through ProSecure. Both are underwritten by Tokio Marine HCC. To report a claim:

- · Collect the bulleted information above and email it to: ReportClaim@ProAssurance.com
- Call 818-382-2030 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. PT)
- Call 888-627-8995 after regular business hours, weekends, or holidays





### Dos & Don'ts

**DO** report a claim or incident to our **Claims department** immediately by calling **877-778-2524** or emailing **ReportClaim@ProAssurance.com**.

If you are in receipt of a complaint for damages, proposed complaint, small claims notice, notice of deposition, notice of an investigation by a state licensing board, subpoena, or any other type of legal documentation/proceeding, contact our **Claims team** *immediately!* 

- **DO** maintain the original medical records in a safe place for future reference.
- **DO** cooperate completely with the Claims Specialist, defense counsel, and other individual(s) assigned by ProAssurance to the case.

If you have any questions about discharging a patient from the practice, addressing a dissatisfied patient, or handling an unexpected outcome, please contact the **Risk Management department**. Call the Helpline at **844-223-9648**, or you can email **RiskAdvisor@ProAssurance.com**. The links listed below address frequently asked questions:

- · Risk Management Guidelines
- · Sample Forms, Checklists, and Letters

For questions about payments, please refer to our **Billing department**: **Billing@ProAssurance.com** or **800-282-6242** (Option 1).

For questions about renewals, please contact your assigned underwriter.

Regarding releasing a copy of a patient's medical records, provide
a copy of the records This request must be made by the patient or their
legal representative through a signed HIPAA-compliant authorization.
If the signed authorization is not received, DON'T release the records.

Sample releases are available at Sample Forms, Checklists, and Letters. If there are any questions concerning the authentication of the release, contact our **Claims department** at **877-778-2524**.



#### Remember

- DON'T alter the medical records. Doing so can negatively impact your defense and may void your insurance coverage.
  - DON'T file a copy of the written claim report/legal documents within the patient's medical record.
     Keep all claim information in a separate, confidential file.
    - **DON'T** chart any discussions you have with your Claims Specialist or defense attorney in the patient's medical record.
      - DON'T make any personal comments about a patient or state any opinions regarding the care rendered or standard of care in your patient's chart: Only document the objective facts of the case.
        - DON'T discuss the case with, or provide correspondence to, anyone other than a representative from ProAssurance or your attorney.

