



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**

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December 20, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Floyd M. Lewis
Revisor of Statutes

FROM: Andrew Heath, State Budget Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Heath".

SUBJECT: Reset of Liability Limit on Noneconomic Damages for Medical Malpractice

The Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) is resetting the limitation on damages for noneconomic losses related to medical malpractice to \$533,409 as of January 1, 2017 in accordance with [N.C.G.S. 90-21.19](#).

Paragraph (a) of the statute mandates OSBM to update the current limit on noneconomic damages of \$500,000 to account for inflation. The statute requires the reset on January 1st of every third year beginning with January 1, 2014. The statute also requires the Revisor of Statutes to publish the new limit in an editor's note to the statute.

Should you have any questions, please contact Anca Grozav, Assistant State Budget Officer for Economic and Demographic Analysis, at anca.grozav@osbm.nc.gov or 919-807-4740.