

event less than once each year, any claim or action for damages for personal injuries claimed to have been caused by an error, omission, or negligence in the performance of the insured's professional services, or based on a claimed performance of professional services without consent, if the claim resulted in:

(1) A final judgment in any amount;

(2) A settlement in any amount; OR

(3) A final disposition not resulting in payment on behalf of the insured. Reports shall be filed no later than March 15th of the year following the occurrence of (1), (2) or (3) above.

(b) The reports required by subsection (a) OF THIS SECTION shall contain:

(1) The name and address of the insured;

(2) The insured's policy number;

(3) Date of occurrence which created the claim;

(4) Date of suit if filed;

(5) Date and amount of judgment or settlement, if any;

(6) Date and reason for final disposition if no judgment or settlement;

(7) A summary of the occurrence which created the claim; AND

(8) [And such] SUCH other information as may be required.

(c) Reports relating to practitioners of medicine shall be filed with the Commission on Medical Discipline, and reports relating to hospitals, nurses, dentists, [osteopaths,] podiatrists, optometrists, OR chiropractors[, or blood banks] shall be filed with the [Commissioner of Insurance] APPROPRIATE LICENSING BOARD FOR THESE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

(d) The reports filed in accordance with this section shall be treated as confidential records. The reports shall be released only for bona fide research or educational purposes. Reports relating to physicians may be released to the State Board of Medical Examiners; reports relating to hospitals [and blood banks] may be released to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and reports relating to nurses, dentists, [doctors of osteopathy,] podiatrists, optometrists, and chiropractors may be released to the appropriate licensing board for such health providers. The recipient of the report in its sole discretion shall determine the validity of any request for the reports.