

40-3412. Actions against health care providers or inactive health care providers; no direct action against fund or insurer; inadmissible evidence; fund not liable for certain damages. (a) Any action for personal injury or death arising out of the rendering of or the failure to render professional services by any health care provider or inactive health care provider shall be maintained against such health care provider or inactive health care provider. No claimant shall have any right of action directly against the fund. No claimant shall have any right of action under this act directly against an insurer.

(b) Evidence that a portion of any verdict would be payable from insurance or the fund shall be inadmissible in any such action.

(c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to impose any liability in the fund in excess of that specifically provided for in this act for negligent failure to settle a claim or for failure to settle a claim in good faith.

(d) The fund shall have no obligations whatsoever for payment for punitive damages.

(e) The fund shall not be liable to pay amounts due from a judgment against an inactive health care provider arising from the rendering of professional services as a health care provider contrary to the provisions of this act.

(f) Any action for damages or for approval of a settlement as set forth in K.S.A. 40-3409, 40-3410 or 40-3411, and amendments thereto, shall be brought in a court of appropriate jurisdiction and venue.

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