

The Psychiatrists' Program®
Cause of Loss – Administrative Actions, Claims, and Lawsuits

1986 - 2017

Primary Allegation	All States	New York
Suicide / Attempted Suicide	27%	28%
Incorrect Treatment	23%	20%
Breach of Confidentiality	15%	19%
Other	9%	9%
Medication Issues	8%	8%
Incorrect Diagnosis	5%	4%
Unnecessary Commitment	3%	4%
Improper Supervision	3%	2%
Boundary Violation	3%	3%
Lack of Informed Consent	1%	1%
Duty to Warn / Protect	1%	1%
Forensic	1%	0%
Abandonment	1%	1%

Notes:

- “Primary allegation” is the main allegation by plaintiffs’ attorneys of what the psychiatrist did wrong
- “Incorrect treatment” will represent a high percentage of cases because plaintiffs’ attorneys often use a broad, general allegation initially; this category includes all types of cases, including suicide and psychopharmacology
- The category labeled “Improper Supervision” refers to supervision of patients as well as of other providers