

Claims Made & Occurrence



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Occurrence is the traditional form of professional liability insurance.

The Occurrence form insures professional services provided while the policy is in force regardless of when the claim is made.

The Claims Made form insures professional services provided during the term of the policy; however, only if the claim is made while the policy is in force.

When a Claims Made policy is cancelled, it may be necessary to purchase the reporting form endorsement (tail) in order to provide protection for future claims.

The reporting form endorsement may also be available from the succeeding insurance company; however, only if practice was limited to Indiana and the policy was in compliance with the Indiana Medical Malpractice Act.

The purchase of the “tail” may not be necessary, depending on policy conditions, if the cancellation is a result of death, disability or retirement.

A Claims made policy may also provide some premium saving advantages depending upon individual circumstances.

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