



Georgia Attorney Analyzes Record \$1.7 Billion in Workers' Compensation Claims

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The Law Offices of Humberto Izquierdo, Jr., PC workers compensation lawyer has released an analysis of newly published Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation data showing that employers and insurers paid more than \$1.7 billion in workplace injury benefits during 2024. The total represents an increase from previous years, with medical-only claims rising 5.6 percent and indemnity benefits climbing 8.5 percent compared to 2023 figures.

According to the Board's 2025 Annual Report, Georgia recorded 113,494 total workers' compensation claims in 2024, including 27,537 indemnity claims and 85,957 medical-only claims. Indemnity benefits paid to injured workers totaled \$865,369,554, while medical costs associated with indemnity claims reached \$727,608,027. Medical-only benefits accounted for an additional \$126,590,258. The State Board of Workers' Compensation, which oversees claims for more than 3.8 million workers across Georgia, released the comprehensive data as part of its annual reporting on workplace injury trends statewide.

The Law Offices of Humberto Izquierdo, Jr., PC represents injured workers in compensation claims throughout North Georgia. The firm's attorneys handle workplace injury cases involving construction accidents, repetitive stress injuries, occupational diseases, and catastrophic on-the-job incidents. Attorney Humberto Izquierdo has practiced workers' compensation law in Georgia for years, assisting clients with claim denials, benefit disputes, and medical treatment authorization issues.

"These numbers reflect the reality that thousands of Georgia workers suffer serious injuries every year that prevent them from earning a living," said Humberto Izquierdo, Jr., founding attorney. "The 8.5 percent increase in indemnity benefits suggests that injury severity or claim duration may be rising. Many injured workers don't realize they have rights under Georgia law, including the right to medical treatment and wage replacement benefits while they recover."

The year-over-year comparison reveals notable shifts in Georgia's workers' compensation landscape. While indemnity claims remained relatively stable between 2023 and 2024, medical-only claims increased by nearly 4,500 cases. The rise in medical-only claims may indicate an increase in workplace injuries that require treatment but don't result in time away from work, or it could reflect improved reporting compliance among Georgia employers. A workers compensation lawyer typically handles cases where injuries result in both medical treatment needs and lost wages, which fall under the indemnity claim category tracked by state officials.

Georgia's workers' compensation system, established in 1920, operates as a no-fault insurance program requiring most employers with three or more employees to carry coverage. The system provides injured workers with medical benefits and wage replacement, regardless of who caused the workplace accident, while generally protecting employers from civil lawsuits related to job-related injuries. However, navigating the claim process often proves challenging for injured workers unfamiliar with filing deadlines, medical provider networks, and benefit calculation formulas. Insurance companies sometimes deny legitimate claims or dispute the extent of workplace injuries, creating the need for legal representation to protect worker rights.

The 2013 Georgia workers' compensation reform legislation placed a 400-week limit on medical benefits for non-catastrophic injuries, a provision that continues to affect injured workers nearly a decade later. The medical cap means that workers with ongoing treatment needs may find their benefits terminated after approximately 7.7 years, even if their work-related condition requires continued care. Catastrophic injuries such as severe burns, amputations, or paralysis remain eligible for lifetime medical benefits. A workers comp lawyer can help injured workers understand whether their injuries qualify as catastrophic under Georgia law and what benefits they may be entitled to receive.

The Law Offices of Humberto Izquierdo, Jr., PC noted that the \$1.7 billion in total benefits paid during 2024 underscores the financial and human costs of workplace injuries across Georgia. The firm emphasized that injured workers should report accidents immediately to employers, seek appropriate medical treatment, and understand their rights under state law. The firm provides consultations for workers facing claim denials, disputes over medical treatment, or questions about wage replacement benefits. More information about workplace injury claims and legal representation is available by contacting the firm directly.

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