



Last week, the Florida House voted 111-4 to pass HB 831, a bill that mandates the use of electronic

prescribing beginning January 1, 2021. The bill slowly made its way through the Florida House after being introduced back in February and the Senate has been considering a similar bill. They now have 14 days to agree on the terms and have both houses pass the legislation before the end of the 2019 session.



This week, the New York Workers' Compensation Board released final updates to the state's

workers' comp pharmacy fee schedule. The changes center around incorporation of the pending workers' comp drug formulary, but under the regulations all prescriptions dispensed after October 1, 2019 are subject to a maximum reimbursement of the calculated

reimbursement of the calculate cost, the contract price for designated pharmacies, or the usual and customary price.



The Delaware legislature is joining nearly a dozen other states in the country in considering a

bill that would require the use of electronic prescribing. **HB 115**, which was voted out of Committee early this week, requires the use of e-prescribing by January 1, 2021 for podiatrists, dentists, doctors, nurses, and optometrists. The bill now awaits consideration by the full House and Senate.



First
responders and
municipalities
are nearing
a compromise
on legislation
that would

expand the cancer presumption for first responders workers' compensation coverage. Under current law, only three cancers are listed in the presumptions, but first responders have been pushing to increase the list to include all known cancers, something municipalities worry will make costs skyrocket. However, it appears an agreement might be nearing to amend HB 3996 to expand the list to 10-12 cancers.



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The Montana House Judiciary Committee officially killed a bill that would have mandated workers' comp

coverage for volunteer firefighters. The Committee debated the need for such a provision, with the Republicans arguing it was just another means to increase taxes and Democrats arguing it was necessary to protect the volunteers. The Senate passed the bill 38-12 back in January.



Wisconsin
Governor Tony
Evers has signed
Executive
Order No.
20 to establish
a Joint

Enforcement Task Force on Payroll Fraud and Worker Misclassification. The group will look at ways to reduce worker misclassification and enhance methods of identifying such misclassifications.

Where in the U.S.A. is Danielle?

Danielle will be in the home office next week.



Article of Interest

The Workers Compensation Research Institute **released** a report summarizing workers' comp laws throughout the United States.

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions? Let Us Know.

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