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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

State of the States



South Carolina announced it was [suing](#) Purdue Pharma for claims that it used deceptive

marketing practices for its drug OxyContin, contributing to the national opioid epidemic. The lawsuit argues Purdue told doctors and patients that OxyContin was not addictive and those who appeared addicted were only “pseudo-addicted” and in need of more of the drug. Oklahoma, Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, and New Hampshire are also suing Purdue on similar grounds.

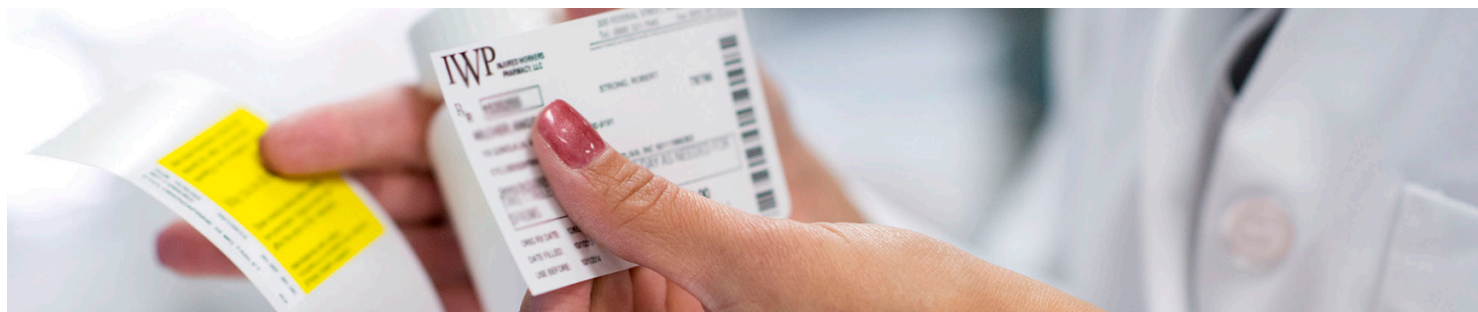


On Tuesday, the Division of Workers' Compensation [announced](#) it was dismissing over

292,000 liens that failed to meet new filing requirements under SB 1160. The law, passed back in 2016, required everyone holding a lien filed between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2016 to file additional lien forms, including a declaration that they were the proper party to hold the lien by July 1, 2017.



National- President Trump [announced](#) he will be accepting the recommendation of his Opioid Commission and declare a state of emergency for the national opioid epidemic.





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The Florida Division of Workers' Compensation released proposed rule changes to reflect the states adoption

of the 2017 reimbursement manual. Among the changes to the rules is the requirement that all compounds, regardless of price, require prior authorization before dispensing.

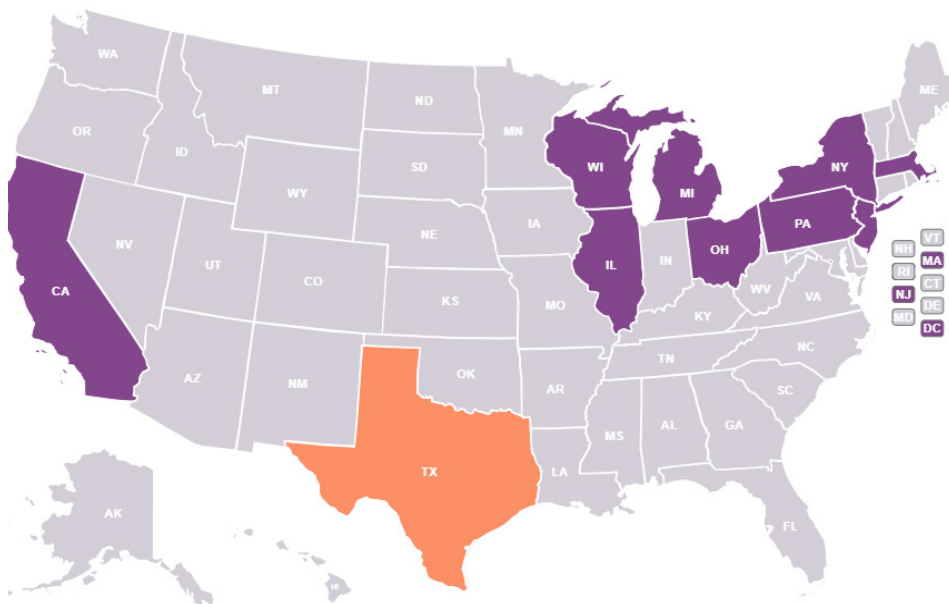
Industry News

This week, Express Scripts announced a new program that would limit the number and strength of opioids prescribed to first time users to a 7-day supply even if a doctor prescribes longer. The program drew criticism from the American Medical Association who believes medical decisions should be left to doctors, not PBMs. The program goes live September 1.

States in Session

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Where in the U.S.A. are Jayne & Danielle?

Jayne and Danielle will be in the home office next week.



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