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## Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

### State of the States



New York is [inching](#) closer to implementation of a workers' comp drug formulary.

This week all companies that want to bid for the formulary had to register with the Board, who will begin hearing presentations from those companies in two weeks. Both the Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) and American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) will make bids, but ODG is likely unqualified under the Board's request because their treatment guidelines are not part of the National Guideline Clearinghouse. Final selection of a vendor will be announced on September 8.



The California Workers' Comp Institute released a new [study](#) examining the impact of the

state's proposed drug formulary. The study found that over 31 percent of drugs prescribed to injured workers in California would be exempt from prior authorization under the new formulary. The formulary would also relieve pressure on the state's Utilization Review (UR) system, with one in five URs currently involving an exempt medication.



The President's Opioid Commission issued a [letter](#) to

President Trump requesting the President declare a state of emergency for the opioid crisis. A state of emergency declaration is usually reserved for natural disasters, such as hurricanes, to allow members of the President's Cabinet to move more quickly in responding to a disaster. The White House has not yet responded.





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On Monday, the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Opioid Task Force held its sixth

meeting. The commission is working towards the selection and implementation of a drug formulary for the state's workers' comp system. The Task Force's recommendations will be sent to the legislature for consideration in the 2018 session.



The Colorado Workers' Compensation Division released proposed changes and additions

to the accreditation standards for physicians who treat injured workers in the state. The proposed changes would also update the state's treatment guidelines for chronic pain.

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

Jayne will be in the home office and Danielle will be in Boston for events associated with the National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Summit.



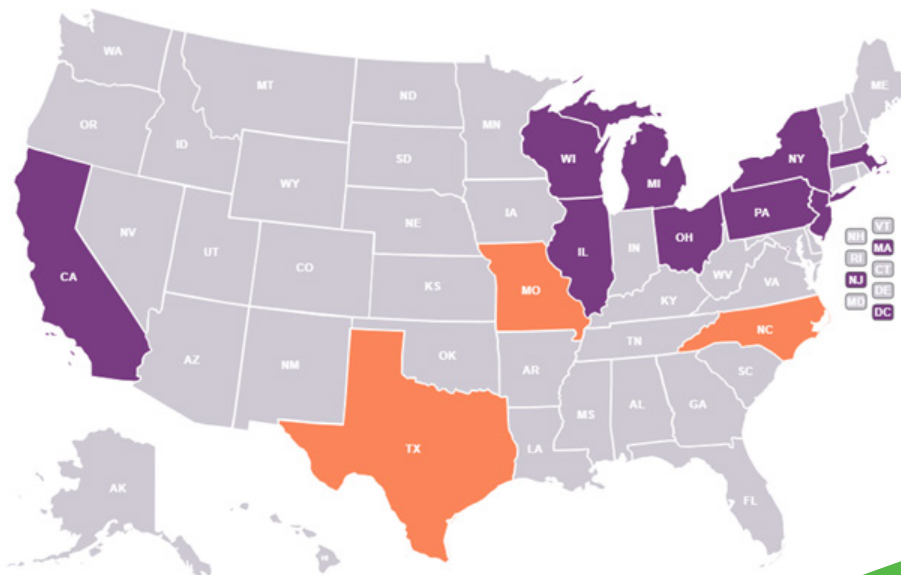
## Industry News

As the impact of America's opioid epidemic reaches its highest levels, experts look at ways America can help stop the epidemic.

## States in Session

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