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State of the States



Montana

The new Montana workers' comp **drug formulary** officially went into effect on

January 1, 2019. Under the rules, published just before the end of the year, the formulary applies to all new claims beginning April 1, 2019. Legacy claims will be subject to the formulary beginning April 1, 2020. Montana adopted the ODG formulary under which "Y" drugs are presumed medically necessary and not subject to prior authorization requests.



Nebraska

With the start of the new year, several changes took effect in the Nebraska workers' comp system.

The biggest change is the **removal** of a prohibition on self-referrals. This means in the Nebraska workers' comp

system, physicians can refer patients to hospitals in which they own a stake and still receive reimbursement, a practice prohibited under federal health care programs and Nebraska until this year.



New York

For the third time, Governor Andrew Cuomo vetoed a bill that would have allowed acupuncture to be a compensable medical treatment for injured workers. **SB 6666** was passed by the New York legislature back in December, but just like 2013 and 2014, Governor Cuomo vetoed the bill that would have allowed acupuncturists to treat injured workers so long as they were licensed and registered with the Workers' Compensation Board.



New Hampshire

On Thursday, Representative McBeath filed **HB 285**. The bill requests that the Insurance Department

make all workers' compensation rate filings open to the public to review. The bill is presently before the Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee for consideration.



Arizona

Beginning January 1, 2019, physicians in Arizona's major metropolitan areas are **required** to electronically prescribe all Schedule II opioids. Other smaller counties will be required to make the change beginning July 1, 2019. The requirement is part of several measures adopted by the state as part of the 2018 Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act.



State of the States



With the start of 2019, Minnesota **law** now makes it easier for first responders to receive workers' compensation

coverage for PTSD. The new law established a presumption that when a first responder is diagnosed with PTSD it was caused by their job.

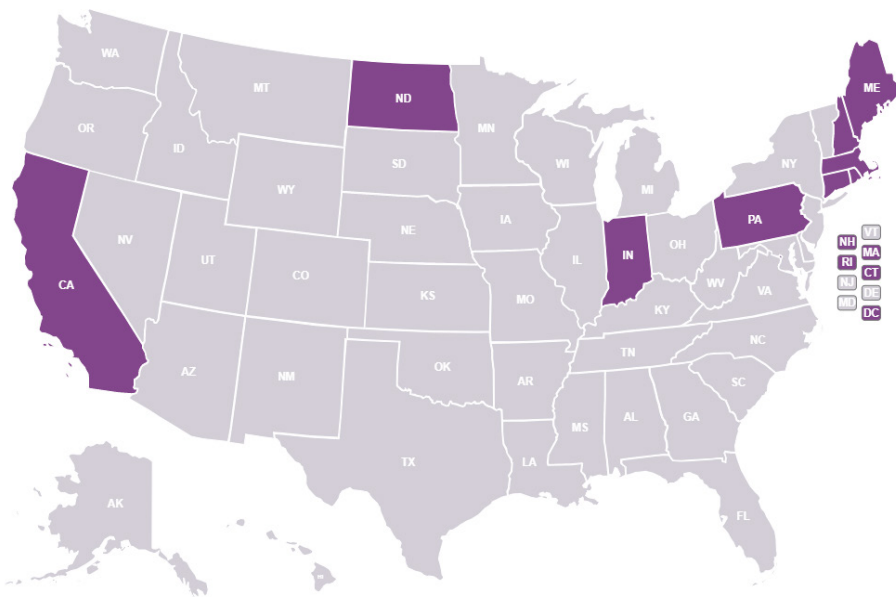
Article of Interest

With lawsuits against opioid manufacturers springing up across the country, **questions** remain whether or not a drug company will be held accountable for the opioid epidemic.

States in Session

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

Danielle will be in Annapolis, Maryland on Thursday and Friday for the start of the Maryland legislative session.



Questions, Concerns, Suggestions? Let Us Know.

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