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As the start of session nears, several workers' comp related bills have been introduced in the Oklahoma

legislature. Among them is [HB 2367](#) a comprehensive workers' comp reform bill introduced by Representative Chris Kannady. Among the potential reforms is a change to the pharmacy reimbursement schedule that would reduce payments to 125% of the state Medicaid rate and the ability for insurers to direct care for pharmacy services. A nearly identical bill was introduced last year but failed to move.



A New Jersey appeals court decision is **raising** concerns of a large influx of medical provider

claims being filed in a state with no fee schedule. The decision,

Plastic Surgery Center v. Malouf Cheverolet-Cadillac pushed aside a requirement that medical provider payment dispute claims be filed within two years of the worker's date of injury and instead applied a six year statute of limitation window.



A newly filed bill in the Connecticut House would create additional responsibilities for workers'

comp insurers in the state. [HB 5883](#) mandates all workers' comp insurers cover substance abuse detox programs for any injured worker who is required to take opioid medications for over a year due to their on-the-job injury. The bill is one of the first in the country targeting workers' comp payers for their role in the opioid epidemic.



[SD 1705](#), introduced in the Massachusetts Senate this week, would make improvements to the state's

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). Under the new bill, the PDMP would be developed to work directly with electronic medical records and health information exchanges to make it easier for prescribers to access the data as they treat patients.





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The Virginia House is considering a bill that would mandate electronic prescribing

for all controlled substance prescriptions containing an opioid beginning July 1, 2020. [HB 2559](#) is currently with the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions for consideration.

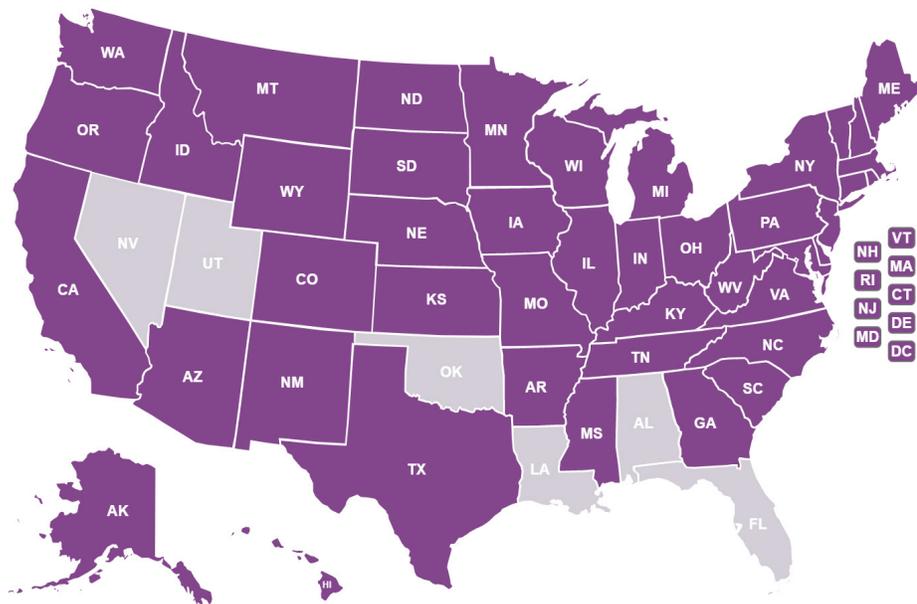
Article of Interest

The WCRI [examines](#) the concept of value-based care and the potential use in workers' compensation. Value-based care, a concept big in health insurance, is a payment model that offers financial incentives for meeting certain performance measures rather than simply paying for every individual treatment used.

States in Session

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

Danielle will be in Atlanta, GA for legislative meetings the first part of the week and in the home office for the remainder.



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