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Maryland

With the end of Maryland's legislative session, Governor Larry Hogan (R) **signed** 174

bills into law, including two firefighter presumption bills that make it easier for first responders to receive workers' comp benefits. HB 595 adds new cancers to the list of those presumed to be occupational diseases covered under workers' comp for firefighters, including bladder and kidney cancer. Additionally, HB 604 allows for the presumptions to apply based on the cumulative time served.



Florida

A **bill** to expand the use of PDMP data in criminal and civil investigations by the Attorney General was

amended this week by the Florida Senate to address numerous

patient privacy concerns. Under the amendment, a trial court must issue an order allowing the AG to access PDMP data and all patient information must be kept confidential. The amendment also allows the data to be used against dispensers and manufacturers, not just pharmacies. The bill is now back before the House for consideration, but the legislature is set to adjourn today.



California

This week, the California State Compensation Insurance Fund **announced** it would add telehealth to the

list of services provided to injured workers in the state. Telehealth may be used to connect injured workers with health care providers for initial evaluations and help manage non-emergency injuries, including follow-up care. The use of telehealth is a slow-growing trend in workers' compensation.



Missouri

On Thursday, the Missouri Senate finally held a hearing on **SB 155**, a bill to establish a PDMP for the state of

Missouri. The bill is different than **HB 188**, which was passed by the House back in February and has been sitting in Committee in the Senate since. Missouri has just 13 days left in their 2019 session and is the only state in the nation without a PDMP.



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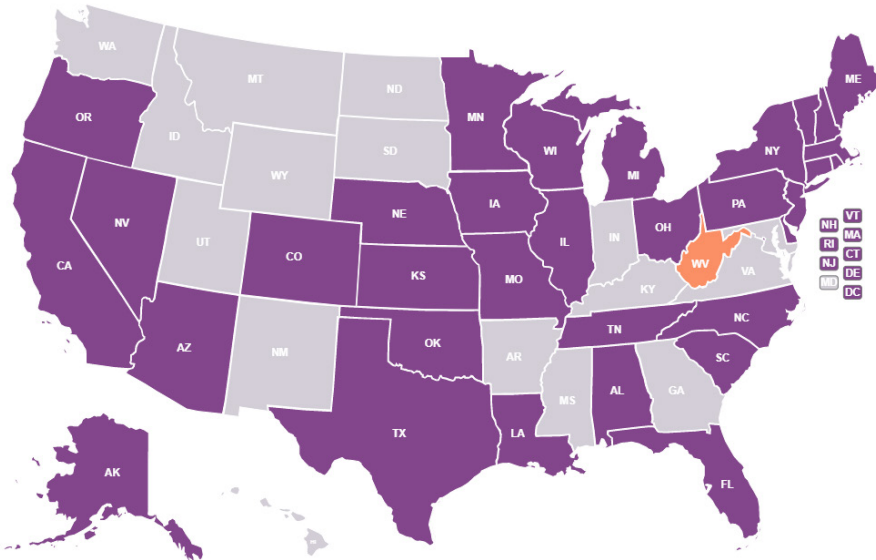
Article of Interest

A recent NPR and IPSOS poll **found** that the majority of Americans believe pharmaceutical companies should be held accountable for the opioid epidemic. Additionally, of those polled, 73% believe drug companies should help support the fight against the opioid epidemic, including providing funds for opioid addiction treatment.

States in Session

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

Danielle will be in the home office next week.



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