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## State of the States



The Chicago City Council is considering a plan to strip Alderman Edward **Burke** of all control of

the city's workers' comp program. Just two weeks ago, Burke's office was raided by the FBI for an unknown ongoing investigation. Earlier this year, a federal lawsuit was filed against Burke alleging significant corruption in the city's workers' comp program and that Burke was illegally administering the system.



A bill that would expand physician dispensing in Texas has been pre-filed. **HB 460**, which

has been introduced in the last three legislative sessions but never passed, would allow physicians to dispense "dangerous drugs" to their patients and charge the patient for the cost.



As part of the Pennsylvania Stop Overdoses in PA: Get Help Now Week, the Pennsylvania Department of

Health has **released** 3 updated opioid prescribing guidelines. The updated guidelines require emergency departments to co-prescribe naloxone for at-risk patients being treated with opioids. The Department maintains 10 additional prescribing guidelines, which it will continuously update based on new information and best practices.



Just days after a PDMP bill was filed in the Missouri legislature for 2019, Governor Mike

Parsons has begun **voicing** his support for the statewide drug monitoring program. Missouri is the only state in the country without a prescription tracking system, where 1 in 65 people die from prescription drug overdose. Parsons urges the legislature to pass legislation in 2019 so he can sign into law.



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The Workers' Compensation Board of Indiana has posted guidance [documents](#) regarding the

implementation of the new workers' comp drug formulary, effective January 1. The state legislature adopted the ODG formulary through SB 369 during the 2018 legislative session.

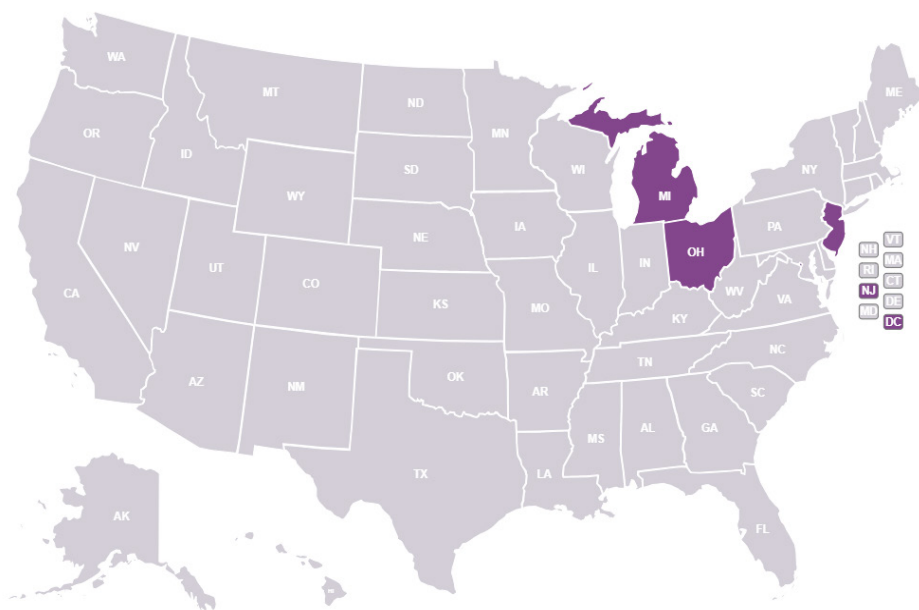
## Industry News

A new report issued by the IVANS Index showed that workers' comp [rates](#) continue to decrease through 2018, with an average -2.76% change in Q3 of 2018.

## States in Session

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

Danielle is in the home office next week planning for the 2019 legislative session.



### Questions, Concerns, Suggestions? Let Us Know.

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