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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

State of the States



A new [bill](#) introduced in the Missouri Senate would limit initial opioid prescriptions for acute pain to a seven-day supply. Prescribers would be able to exceed that limit where medically necessary as long as they document the need in a patient's medical record.



A [bill](#) was filed in the House that would require pharmacists to query the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before dispensing certain controlled

substances. Failure to do so could result in actions against the pharmacist's license, registration, or permit.



Last week, [HB 197](#) was pre-filed in the Virginia House. The bill requires dispensers to report information to the PDMP regarding the "receiver" of a Schedule II through V prescription. Receiver is defined as "the person who physically obtains a covered substance from a dispenser" and requires reporting of their name and government issued ID number. The session begins January 10, 2018.



Last month, Governor McMaster declared a statewide public health emergency for the opioid epidemic. During the announcement, the Governor called on the legislature to adopt a five-day fill limit for all initial opioid prescriptions. Additionally, on Wednesday, the state legislature's [special](#) committee issued its final report on the opioid epidemic, including a lengthy list of legislative recommendations to be considered during the 2018 session.



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Just days before the end of 2017, the New York Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) [announced](#)

the selection of ACOEM for the state's new workers' comp drug formulary. The proposed formulary and regulations are now open for public comment with the goal of having a final formulary implemented by July 1, 2018.



A 2018 bill, [SB 1372](#), would require new warning labels on all Schedule II prescriptions dispensed in

the state. The labels, developed by the Department of Health, will advise patients of the addictive nature of opioids, risks of overdose, and additional resources for opioid addiction.

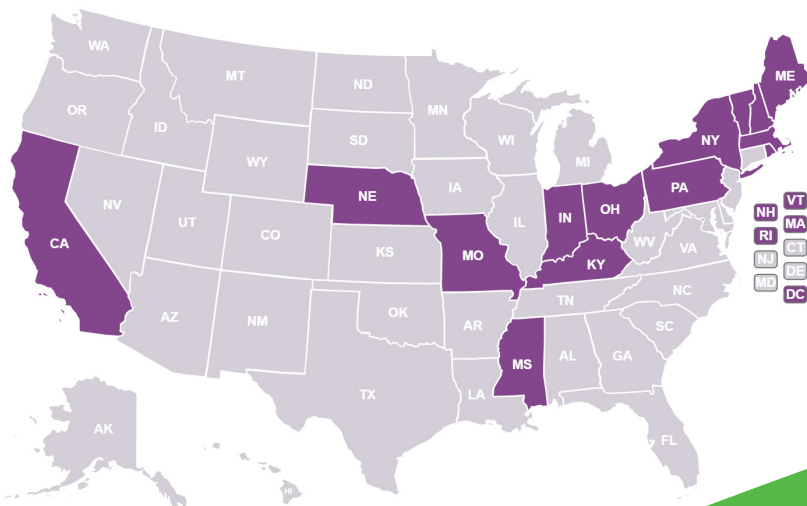
Article of Interest

A former NHL player is [suing](#) his team to receive lifetime medical benefits and compensation under Tennessee's workers' comp system. Tennessee is one of the states that allows professional athletes to collect benefits and potential payments under their workers' comp statute.

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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