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## State of the States



Pennsylvania

Last Friday, Republican Senators introduced **SB 1187** in the Pennsylvania Senate. The bill

is another attempt in Pennsylvania to address prescription drugs in the state's workers' comp system. SB 1187 would restrict reimbursement for expensive compound medications to 110% of AWP for each individual ingredient. Additionally, the bill calls for the adoption of evidence-based prescribing guidelines for the use of pain medications in treating an injured worker. It is unclear if the bill will move as the legislature has focused much of June on passing a budget bill.



New York

On Wednesday, the New York Workers Comp Board **proposed** a rule change that would raise reimbursement

rates for the first time in two decades. The proposed rules will raise the medical fee schedule reimbursement rates by at least 5% overall, however the Board has not yet released the actual fee schedule to show exactly what and where the fees were raised. The Board is also due to release a drug formulary shortly. The formulary implementation date is still stated as July 1, 2018, without further action by the Board.



Illinois

Last Thursday, the Illinois legislature adjourned their 2018 session as scheduled for the first time

in several years. At the end of session, several workers' comp bills died in committee, including a **bill** to create a workers' comp drug formulary and another **bill** that would have established the Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company for workers' comp coverage. A **bill** that would require the state to approve rate adjustments by insurers 30-days prior to their implementation did pass both houses before adjournment and is now awaiting the Governor's signature or veto.





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The New Jersey Senate is considering a bill that would expand workers' comp coverage for first responders. **S 716**, up for consideration with the full Senate this week, would create several new presumptions for on-the-job injuries in first responders, including cancer coverage for firefighters.

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

Danielle will be in the home office next week.



## National

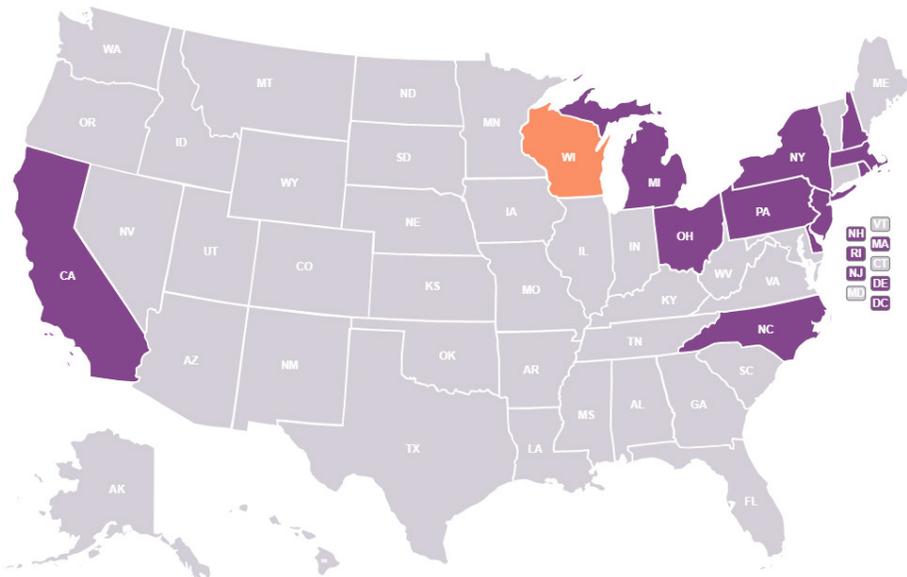


The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is **exploring** the formation of a working group to measure whether physicians are currently utilizing the CDC's best practices for opioid prescribing, and what, if any, effect there would be on the country's opioid prescribing rate if the CDC's best practices were followed by all physicians.

## States in Session

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