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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

State of the States



On Tuesday, the California Department of Industrial Relations [released](#) another round of proposed

regulations for the states drug formulary. The new regulations would call for an implementation date of January 1, 2018 and establish procedures for physicians to transition existing patients to formulary compliant medications. The DIR also added over 40 medications to the proposed formulary. The regulations are open for public comment until August 2.



The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Comp released [proposed](#) amendments to the state's workers' comp

drug formulary. The amendments include the removal of six medications from the formulary, and the addition of several more including over-the-counter topical analgesics. The proposal also includes continued coverage for patients already on medications that would be removed or modified by the amendments. The changes, if approved, will go into effect in October.



Missouri is finally getting a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) but it won't look

like other PDMPs. Governor Greitens signed an [executive order](#) to create a PDMP that will collect dispensing information from private pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and the Department of Health and Senior Services will analyze the data to refer suspicious activity to law enforcement for further investigation. The PDMP will now allow prescribers to check patients history.



