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## New York Legislative Review

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On March 13, 2007, former New York Governor Elliot Spitzer signed into law comprehensive workers' compensation reform legislation that stripped injured workers of the right to choose their own pharmacy.

IWP asks you to SUPPORT New York Assembly Bill 2653 (Simotas) & New York Senate Bill 1754 (Robach).

### **If passed, this legislation would:**

- Allow a claimant to use the pharmacy of their choice if the pharmacy adheres to the published prices for medications;
- Define what information the carrier must publish regarding the cost of medication and the process by which this information is to be made public; and
- Allow a pharmacy to have standing in a disputed workers compensation claim.
- Provide an employer shall be prohibited from refusing to allow choice of pharmacy by patient so long as the charges comply with published charges.
- Provide the medication shall not exceed a 14 day supply Section 2 provides for an immediate effective date.

These bills have been referred to the Committee on Labor.

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