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Kentucky

Over the holidays, the Kentucky Department of Workers' Compensation filed **proposed**

drug formulary regulations. The state adopted the ODG drug formulary and will begin requiring its use on claims in July. The current regulations require prior authorization for all "N" drugs and any drug not currently listed on the formulary.



New York

AB 242 was filed in the New York Assembly earlier this week. The bill amends the prompt pay

provision of the workers' comp law to allow pharmacists, along with other health care providers, to seek 1.5% interest per month on unpaid bills via the Workers' Compensation Board. A similar bill has been introduced the last

two years, passing the Assembly in 2017, but dying in the Senate and never reaching a vote in 2018.



Virginia

Nearly identical bills have been filed in the Virginia **House** and **Senate** that would make it easier for

firefighters to receive workers' compensation benefits for certain cancers. The bills add several new cancers, including brain and colon cancer, to the list of cancers presumed to be caused by hazardous material encountered on the job. Both bills also remove a requirement currently in law that the firefighter show they had contact with a toxic substance known to cause those cancers.



National

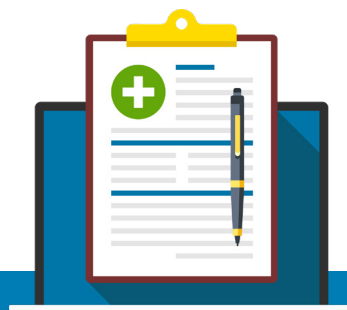
The latest update to ODG's workers' compensation drug formulary requires prior authorization for all compound medications.



Indiana

As the 2019 session started in Indiana this week, the Senate Committee on Health and Provider

Services began consideration of **SB 312**. The bill requires the use of electronic prescribing for all prescriptions beginning June 30, 2019. The legislature runs through April 29, 2019.



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The Chicago workers' compensation program will **undergo** a forensic audit for the first time

in years. The audit will evaluate the programs practices and resources and identify any fraud, waste or abuse. The system has been controlled by Alderman Ed Burke for years, but he resigned last week from his post after being charged by federal prosecutors.



The Montana legislature may consider a bill granting patient choice of provider.

LC 1785, a draft bill that is expected to be filed in the Montana House for the 2019 legislative session, would allow an injured worker to select their treating physician for both initial and ongoing care. The bill's sponsor has until February 18 to file for the 2019 session.

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

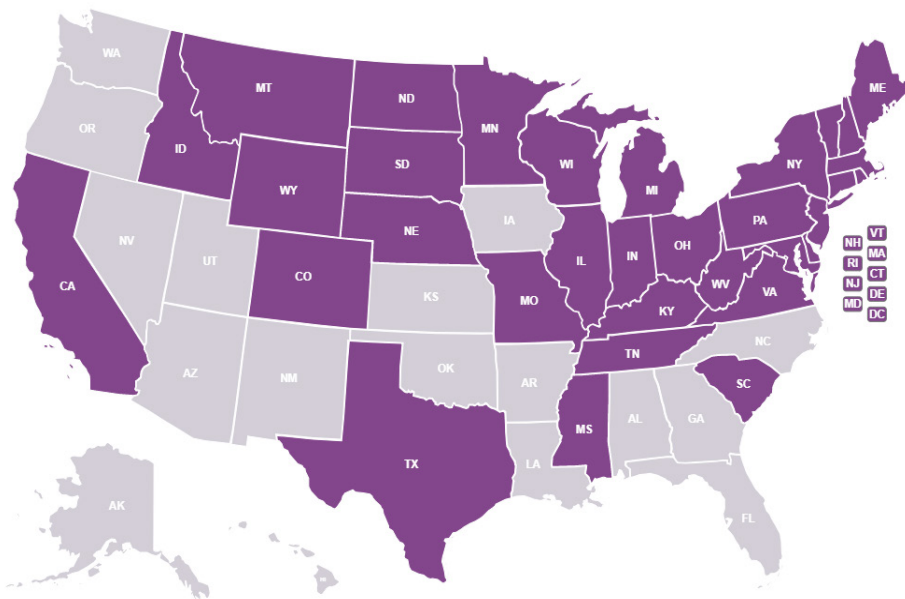
Danielle will in Oklahoma City on Thursday and Friday for a legislative visit with our lobbyists.



States in Session

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