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With the Kansas legislative session underway, two workers' comp bills are garnering

attention. [HB 2012](#) would remove the "prevailing factor" requirement for making a workers' comp claim and instead require that the work injury be only a substantial or material element of an injury. Additionally, [HB 2013](#) would require the use of the 4th edition of the AMA guide rather than the 6th edition, which the Court of Appeals ruled unconstitutional last year.



The Texas Workers' Compensation Commissioner has approved [plans](#) for the 2019 Medical

Quality Review Audit. The

Department is required to monitor health care providers performances every odd-numbered year. This year, they will be focusing on the appropriateness of physical medicine and rehabilitative services administered to injured workers.



A bill to mandate electronic prescribing in Colorado was introduced this week.

[SB 19-079](#) would mandate electronic prescribing for all controlled substances starting July 1, 2021.



The New York Assembly is considering a [bill](#) that requires a prescribing physician to counsel a patient

on the risks of overdose associated with opioids. They then must also inform the patient of the availability of opioid antagonists, like naloxone, at the start of every calendar year that a patient is on an opioid.



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Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel has announced plans to restructure Chicago's workers'

comp program following the FBI investigation of its former controller. The proposal would move control of the program to a City Council committee who would report to the city comptroller's office.



HB 5144 was introduced in the Connecticut House this week. The bill would require physicians to check the PDMP report on their patients before issuing any prescriptions. The bill is currently before the Joint Committee on Public Health.

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

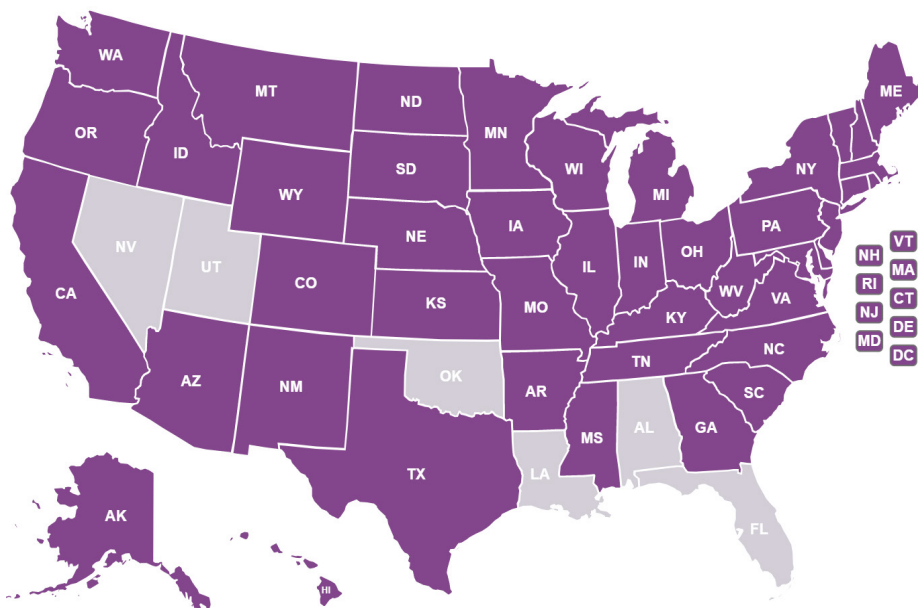
Danielle will be in the home office next week.



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