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## Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

### State of the States



Late last week, Governor Sununu [released](#) a statement making it clear he would sign SB 541 into law when it comes

to his desk in early June. The bill, passed by both houses last week, allows workers' comp to provide cancer treatment benefits to firefighters in New Hampshire. The bill, which has no funding mechanism for municipalities to cover the new benefits, also creates a commission to study funding options. The Governor has also announced his intention to work with lawmakers to find a funding solution after the bill becomes law.



On Thursday, the Kentucky Workers' Compensation Medical Advisory Committee [met](#) to begin discussion regarding the

adoption of a workers' comp drug formulary. The committee will consider formulary options, taking into consideration ease of implementation, costs, evidence-based, and stakeholder feedback. Back in March, the legislature passed HB 2 which made several reforms to the state's workers' comp system including the adoption of treatment guidelines and a formulary.



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [approved](#) the first non-opioid medication to help treat opioid withdrawal symptoms in adults. Presently, patients experiencing opioid withdrawal are given medications containing another narcotic. The new drug, Lucemyra, will provide a non-narcotic option for patients.





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On Wednesday, the Florida Division of Workers' Compensation held a rule development

workshop regarding resolutions for reimbursement disputes between carriers and providers. The discussions focused on establishing a deficiency process, so providers would have an opportunity to correct Petition Forms without fear of dismissal.



The New York Senate is considering a bill that allows doctors to prescribe

medical marijuana for the treatment of pain, rather than an opioid. The bill's sponsor hopes the legislation will lessen cases of opioid addiction and help keep opioids off the street. The Senate will consider the bill early next week, but it faces heavy criticism, making its ultimate passage questionable.

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

Danielle will be in the home office next week.



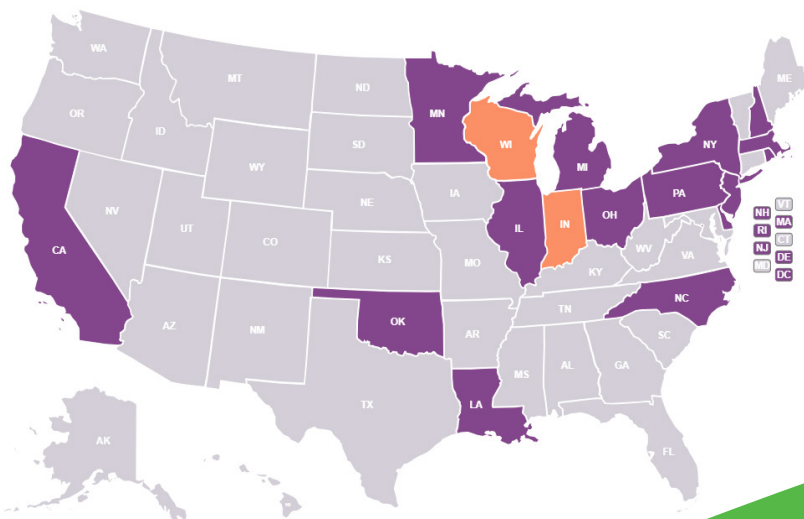
### Articles of Interest

The Hartford insurance company explores the toll of opioids on the U.S. labor force and what businesses, including The Hartford, can do to cope with the opioid epidemic.

## States in Session

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