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New Jersey

The New Jersey legislature voted to pass **SB 2145**, a bill that would increase attorney fees in workers' comp

cases. If signed by the governor, the new law would allow an attorney to obtain a percentage of compensation received by the claimant after an attorney-client relationship is established, as well as a percentage of any money awarded to the claimant in excess of that compensation. Presently, attorneys only collect a percentage of the award granted, not the compensation already collected.



Arkansas

On Sunday, July 1, the new Arkansas workers' comp drug **formulary** officially takes effect for all

dates of injury after July 1, 2018. The Workers' Compensation Commission adopted the Public Employee Claims Division's Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary for all workers' comp claims in the state. The formulary limits initial opioid prescriptions to a five-day supply and requires prior authorization for any prescription that exceeds that.



Texas

Starting July 1, the Texas **drug formulary** will require pre-approval of all compound medications being

dispensed. Prior to the change, Texas required pre-approval for only compounds containing opioids.



National

Legislators have been quiet over the last few weeks while states across the country have held contentious primaries. Nearly half of all states held at least one primary in June, with many incumbent legislators facing strong challenges and crushing defeats. This November, 36 governorships are up for election, along with 87 of the 99 state legislative chambers.





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In August, the Oregon Workers' Compensation Division's Rule-Making Advisory Committee will meet to address legislation passed in the 2018 session. Among the topics are updated rules for workers' comp coverage, **requirements** for employers and penalties for non-complying **employers**.

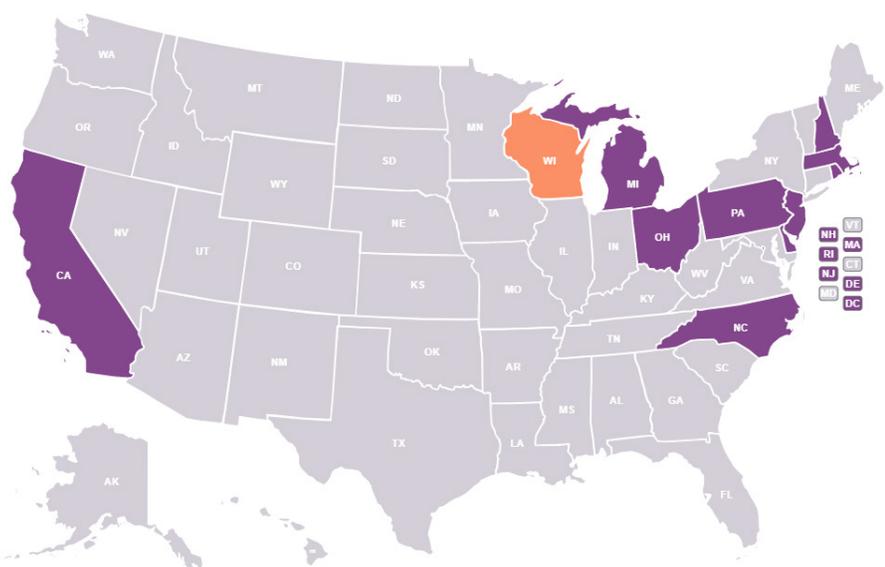
Article of Interest

The United States Congress has **introduced** a vast amount of bills to tackle the opioid epidemic, but which, if any, will actually have an impact?

States in Session

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

Danielle will be in the home office next week.



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