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Florida

The Florida Division of Worker's Compensation has scheduled an August 15 **hearing** on

proposed changes to procedures for the resolution of reimbursement disputes between carriers and health care providers. Among the changes is a simplified requirement for submitting a reimbursement dispute and a requirement on petitioners to serve all affected parties with all supporting documentation. The Division held a rules development meeting on this same topic just last month.



Arizona

The Industrial Commission of Arizona announced a public hearing for late August on whether to

adopt reimbursement guidelines specific to physician dispensed

medications. **SB 1111**, passed by the legislature earlier this year, instructs the commission to study and consult with stakeholders as to whether a different reimbursement rate is appropriate for physician dispensed medications.



California

A new study released by the California Workers' Compensation Institute

examined the

impact of the new formulary on California's workers' comp system. The formulary, that went into effect in January, led to a 4.5% decrease in UR decisions involving prescription drug requests. However, the percentage of times a UR decision denied a prescription drug request and UR decisions involving opioid requests remained unchanged since the formulary implementation.

Industry News

A new white paper by Care Bridge International **argues** that amounts projected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) seek and approve higher than necessary set-asides. The paper found that most injured workers' medication costs were 64% lower than the costs projected by CMS in the establishment of a Medicare Set Aside plan.



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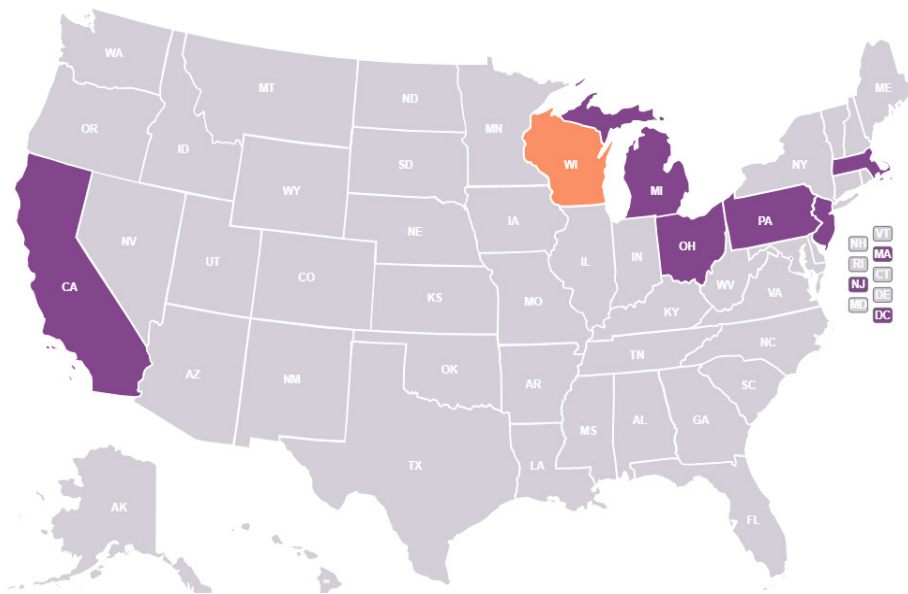
Article of Interest

A look into new research studies that **might** indicate opioids aren't usually needed to treat chronic pain.

States in Session

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

Danielle will be in Kentucky the first half of the week for a regulatory hearing and legislative meetings.



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