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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

State of the States



Governor Brown has [vetoed](#) a bill that would have created a working group to develop statewide opioid prescribing

guidelines. In the memo explaining the veto, the Governor found the need for a new working group unnecessary as the Department of Public Health was already addressing the opioid epidemic with their own working group. On the same day, the Governor signed into law [AB40](#), a bill to expand the use and abilities of the state's PDMP for treating physicians and pharmacists.



Spurred by the Philadelphia Inquirer's investigation into attorney-owned pharmacies, legislators

are yet again attempting the implementation of a drug formulary. On Wednesday, three Senators announced their sponsorship of a new bill to establish a workers' comp drug formulary, eliminate payments for overpriced, unproven pain creams, and establish standards for all Utilization Review Organizations and Peer Review Organizations. The text of the bill has not yet been released.



Governor Mary Fallin [outlined](#) the positive effects of the states 2013 workers' comp reforms, including a reduction in

the percentage of claims going to trial, a 30% decrease in insurance premiums, and increased efficiency for the Workers' Compensation Commission. The improvements come amid several decisions by the state's Supreme Court finding pieces of the reforms unconstitutional.



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A new opioid bill, [SB 458](#), has been pre-filed for Florida's 2018 legislative session. The bill would establish

a 7-day initial fill limit for opioids, a max 30-day refill supply for all opioids, and required controlled substance continuing education for all physicians. The legislature is also anticipating the filing of an opioid related bill by Governor Scott which will call for a 3-day initial fill limit and mandatory PDMP checks.



The Richmond Professional Firefighters Association has [renewed](#) its efforts to expand the

state's workers' comp law to cover more cancers for firefighters. The group lobbied the legislature back in 2016 to include colorectal cancer as part of the cancer provisions but failed to get a bill out of committee.

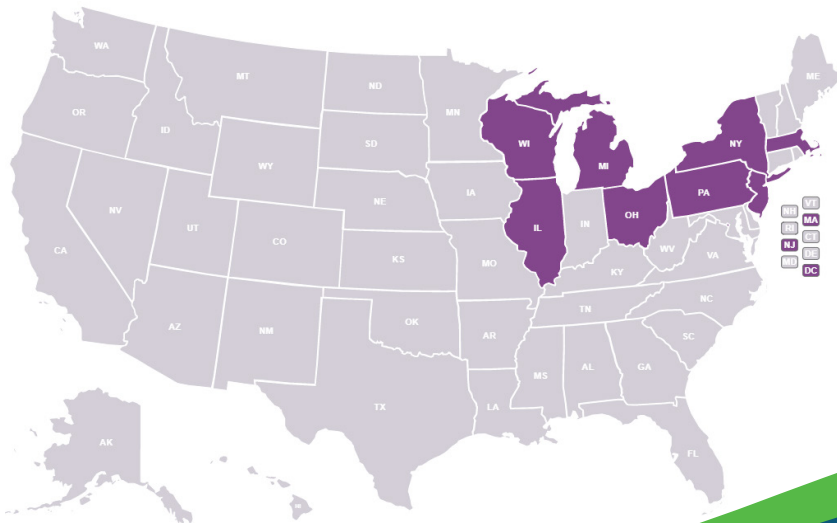
Articles of Interest

The look at the [effect](#) of the opioid epidemic in the Bronx, New York's borough with the highest rate of drug overdoses last year.

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