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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

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On Wednesday night, the Pennsylvania Senate voted 34 to 16 to pass [SB 936](#), a bill to create a workers'

comp drug formulary. The bill was introduced in response to a recent investigation into attorney-owned pharmacies, but those opposing the bill said it does little to address the ownership issue and creates new barriers for injured workers. At the vote, legislators called for a hearing to investigate the relationships between physicians, attorneys and the pharmacies they send their patients to. SB 936 now goes to the House for consideration.



The Department of Workers Compensation has [submitted](#) their final regulations for the adoption of a drug formulary

to the Office of Administrative Law. The final regulations are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2018. Since its original proposal, the DWC has made changes to provisions that address transitioning existing patients on to the formulary, as well as updating the drug list to include changes to ACOEM treatment guidelines.



Last week, a coalition of Attorneys General from across the country [sent](#) letters to some of the country's biggest PBMs urging them to implement programs that reduce prescriptions for opioid abuse. The letter calls for a 7-day fill limit for acute pain, as well as limits on daily doses based on the strength of the opioid.

On Thursday, President Trump [declared](#) a public health emergency to deal with the opioid epidemic. The declaration will free up immediate resources to reduce numbers of deaths caused by the opioid epidemic.





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Governor Cuomo signed SB 1411 into law this week. The new law would allow volunteer firefighters

in New York to collect cancer benefits on diseases resulting from their work as firefighters. The bill, which goes into effect on January 1, 2019, will open benefits to approximately 96,000 volunteer firefighters across the state.



Where in the U.S.A. are Jayne & Danielle?

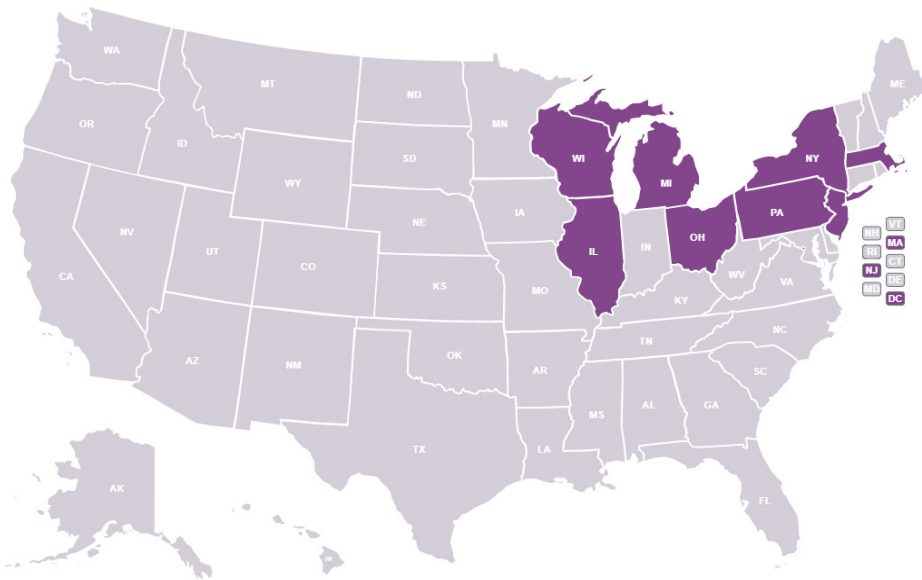
Jayne will be in the home office next week. Danielle will be traveling to Phoenix for the American Society for Pharmacy Law's Fall Conference at the end of the week.



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