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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

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The North Carolina Industrial Committee [released](#) public comments regarding its proposed opioid utilization rules.

The proposed rules would limit daily doses of opioids for acute pain to 50 MEDs and cap initial fills to a 5-day supply. Additionally, the rules require prescribers to document that non-pharmacological and non-opioid therapies are insufficient to treat the employee's pain. Several comments published asked whether the rules were binding or merely suggestions, arguing the language

was vague and required clarification in the final proposal.



A new legislative session is on the horizon, and a new prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) bill for Missouri has been introduced. [SB 737](#) requires all dispensers to report dispensing information regarding Schedule II, III, and IV to a PDMP. Missouri remains the only state in the country without a PDMP in place.



California's drug formulary has been officially [adopted](#) by the state.

Beginning January 1, 2018, all new and existing workers' compensation claimants will be subject to the state's prescription drug formulary. The formulary is based off of the state's newly adopted medical treatment utilization schedule, which became effective December 1, 2017.



Assembly Bill [5242](#) was introduced to the Assembly Health and Senior Services

Committee. The bill would require all prescribers to enter a pain management contract with their patients before prescribing a third opioid prescription for the treatment of their pain.



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Governor Rauner signed a new bill into law that would help Illinois tackle the opioid epidemic. The new law

requires prescribers to query the PDMP the first time they write an opioid prescription for a patient. Additionally, if the PDMP flags a patient as potentially doctor shopping, a notice is sent to the pharmacy to make them aware.



A new investigation into Hawaii's workers' comp system claims it is, "hell" for injured workers.

The investigation details concerns that the system is overly litigious, treatment is often delayed, and doctors hand-picked by insurance companies don't always act in the best interest of the patient.

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

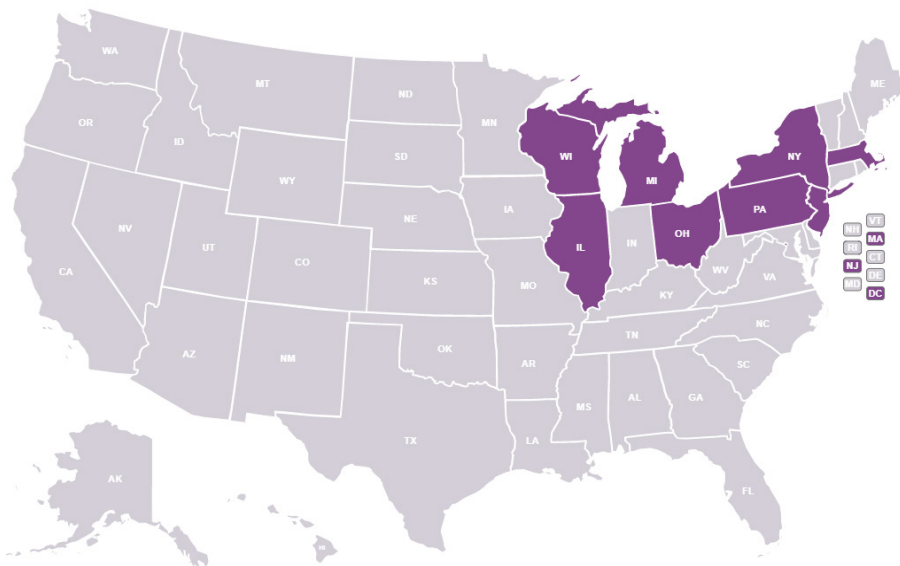
Danielle will be in the home office next week preparing for the 2018 legislative sessions.



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