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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

State of the States



Connecticut

Lawmakers have set a public hearing for next Friday on two opioid related bills. [HB 6697](#)

would require pharmacists to consult the PDMP before dispensing an opioid to a patient and [HB 5381](#) would require patients and providers to enter into a pain contract before writing a prescription for an opioid.



Nebraska

The Nebraska legislature has set a hearing for March 6 to consider [LB 408](#), a bill that

would establish a formulary for all controlled substances prescribed in the state's workers' compensation system. Last year, the legislature considered a formulary bill but it failed to pass after significant concerns were raised regarding the use of the ODG formulary and treatment guidelines.



Missouri

After a hearing last week, [HB 90](#), which would establish a PDMP in Missouri, is now before

the House Insurance Policy Committee for consideration this week. A nearly identical bill was introduced by the same sponsors last year but was ultimately defeated in the Senate. Meanwhile, in the Senate, the PDMP's strongest opponent, Senator Schaaf is pushing forward [SB 74](#), his version of a PDMP bill which does not allow doctors to access the information. The bill would instead require doctors to request a review by the health department, who would inform the doctor of any red flags. That bill has been reported out of committee and now awaits consideration by the full Senate.





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On Tuesday, the Florida House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee is scheduled to

hold its second meeting of the year to discuss reforming the state's workers' compensation system. With the official start of session only a month away, no bills addressing the dramatic rate increase have been introduced yet.



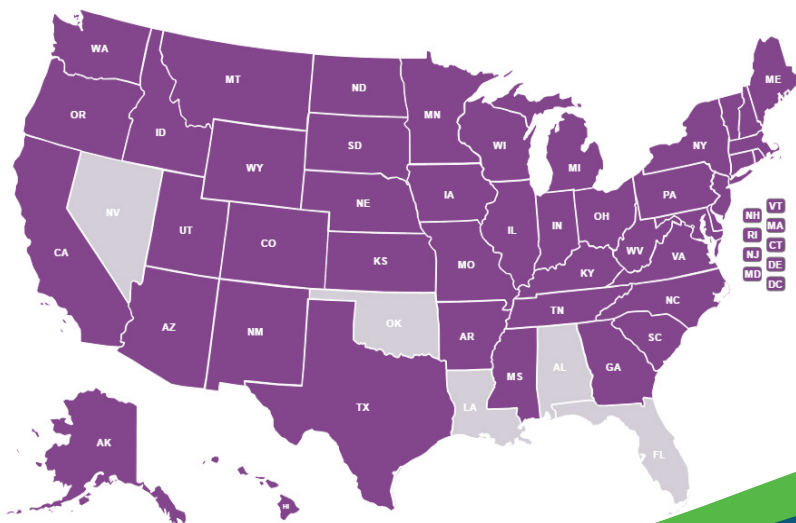
On February 15, the House Labor and Industry Committee will conduct a hearing on the

adoption of a formulary for the state's workers' compensation system. Insurers are supporting consideration of a formulary after a bill that would have adopted treatment guidelines for workers' comp patients failed to pass out of the legislature in 2016.

Article of Interest

Last month, two of the country's biggest drug wholesalers were fined by the DEA for their failure to report suspicious orders for controlled substances. The payments come as scrutiny intensifies on the role drug manufacturers and distributors play in the country's growing opioid epidemic.

States in Session



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

Jayne and Danielle are headed to Tallahassee, FL next week for legislative meetings with our lobbyists.



Questions, Concerns, Suggestions? Let Us Know.

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