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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

State of the States



The Wisconsin Workers' Compensation Advisory Council is in the process of developing their

recommended bill to send over to the legislature for consideration during the 2018 session. This week, the Council received their proposals from key stakeholders, including [labor](#) and [management](#). Among the proposals is a Medicare-based fee schedule for medical fees, directed care, and the adoption of ODG treatment guidelines. The Council meets again in June to discuss the proposals.



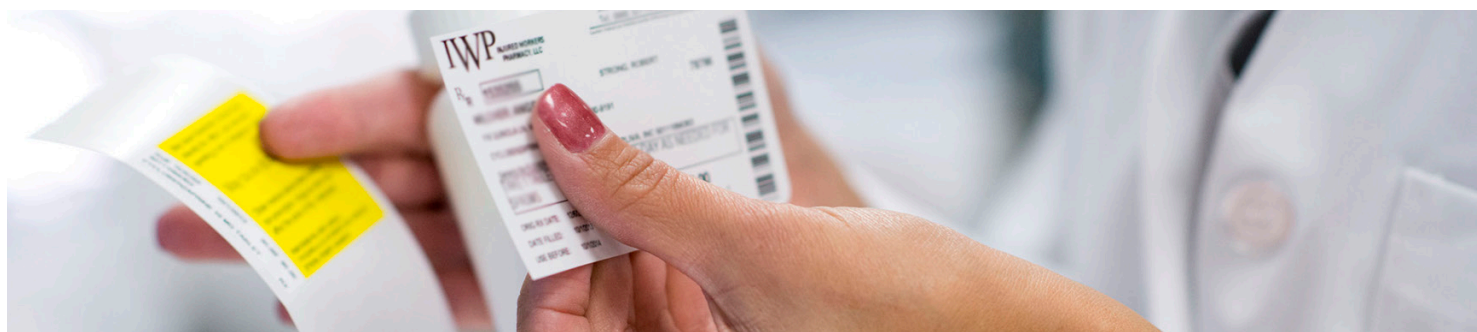
On Monday, an Alabama judge [struck](#) down the state's Worker's Compensation Act. The judge

found that the caps on attorneys fees and the weekly compensation rate was unconstitutional, but because of how the Alabama law is written, if one element is unconstitutional the whole act is struck down. The judge's ruling gives the legislature 120 days to fix the law, but the legislative session winds down at the end of this month and workers' comp reform is a big lift.



The Nebraska legislature passed [Legislative Resolution 168](#) this week that calls for a formulary

study committee. The committee would examine whether a formulary would lead to more efficient delivery of medication, cost-savings, decrease length of claims, and effect the opioid problem in the state. A bill in the legislature which would have required the adoption of a formulary in 2018 is likely dead as the legislative session begins to wind down.





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The Florida legislature adjourned Monday evening without passing a workers' comp reform bill. Although legislators worked hard in the final days to come to an agreement on key issues, including attorneys fees, the House and Senate could not find common ground, dooming HB 7085 and SB 1582. In the 2017 session, 3,000 bills were introduced and only 250 passed both chambers.



The Louisiana Workforce Administration released a "Pharmacy Formulary Facts"

document to argue two House bills, calling for the adoption of a formulary, are unnecessary.

In the document the agency states that formularies favor cost savings over treatment and that other measures are already in place to help the state address injured workers' needs, cost containment, and the opioid epidemic.



Although the state remains in a deadlock over a budget, House Speaker Madigan has stated he

is finally willing to work with the Governor on non-budget elements of the Governor's turnaround agenda, including workers' comp reform. Madigan will appoint four members of his party to work with the administration to address the non-budget items in hopes of passing them through the legislature this year.

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

Jayne will be in the home office and Danielle will be in Miami, FL for the Republican Governor's Association Policy Meeting and then off to southern California for a fundraiser.



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