

June 2, 2017

Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

State of the States



On the last day of session, the House [voted](#) 64-51 to approve several Senate amendments

to HB 2525. The bill would establish a workers' comp drug formulary, change the medical fee schedule to a Medicare-based fee schedule, and prevent insurers from charging "excessive rates." The bill is expected to be vetoed by the Governor. Meanwhile, the state ended their session [without](#) reaching a budget compromise, setting them up to enter their third year without a budget and \$14.5 billion in unpaid bills.



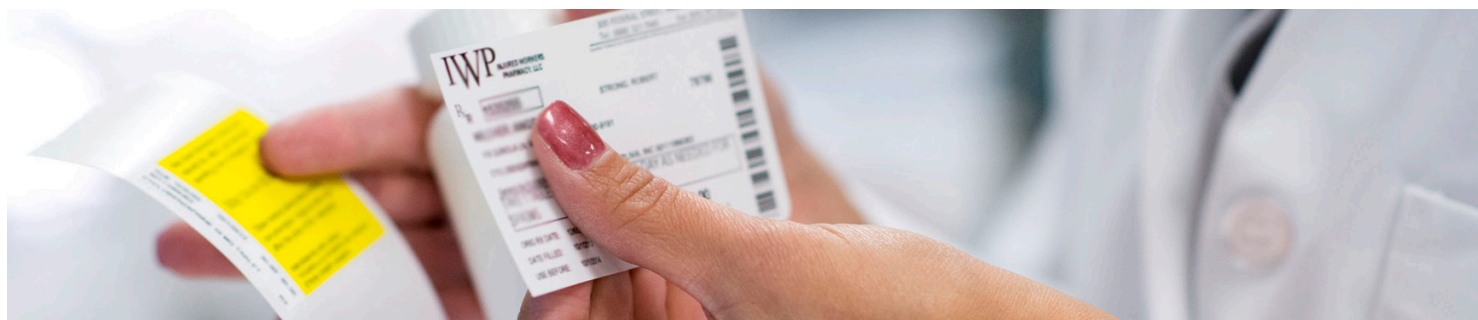
[SB 562](#), which would establish a single-payer healthcare system for California was amended

this week to make enactment of the bill dependent on secure funding. As of right now, the bill has a price tag near \$331 billion and no clear funding plan. As the bill is worded now, passage of a single-payer system may impact change on how certain workers' comp medical expenses are paid. The bill was voted out of the Appropriations Committee and awaits consideration by the full Senate.



On Monday, the Texas legislature ended their 2016 legislative session. Among the bills passed was [HB 1983](#)

which makes Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) compensable for firefighters and police officers and [HB 2546](#) which allows physician assistants to fill out an injured workers status reports. It is expected the Governor will call a Special Session later this month, but the topics for consideration during the Special Session are not yet known.





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On Wednesday, the Connecticut House passed [HB 7052](#) which would require physicians

to electronically submit all controlled substance prescriptions. The bill allows for several exceptions to the ePrescribe mandate, including when sending a prescription to be dispensed by an out-of-state pharmacy. The bill will now be considered by the Senate. Connecticut is scheduled to adjourn on June 6.



Last Tuesday, the Louisiana House passed [HB 592](#) which would establish a drug formulary

for the states' workers' comp system. The bill now heads to the Senate for approval, but the Governor has already vowed to veto it. After the House passage, the Director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission released a statement opposing the formulary.

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

Jayne will be in the home office next week and Danielle is headed to California for a fundraiser with our lobbyists.



Article of Interest

West Virginia has the highest drug-overdose rate in the country, linked to the opioid epidemic. This [article](#) examines what the state and its residents are doing to help turn the tide on opioid addiction.

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions? Let Us Know.

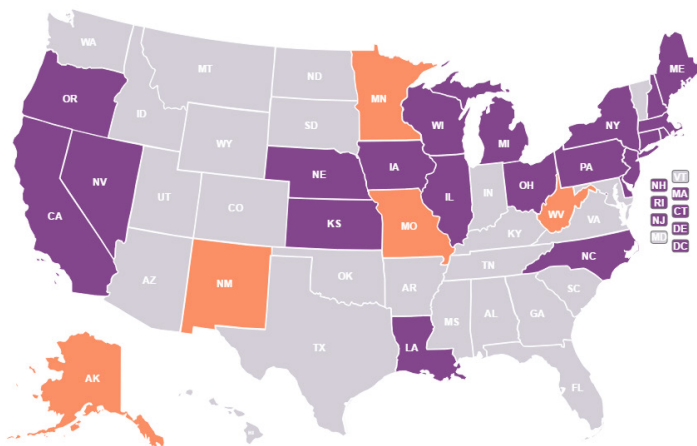
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