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## Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

### State of the States



A proposal to the state's 2017 draft medical fee schedule would require prior authorization

for all compound drugs in the state's workers' comp system. The proposal would also require prior authorization for all medications that are part of a pain management program for an injured worker. The proposals are scheduled for a hearing August 21st, and if adopted, they will be effective September 1.



On Tuesday, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan signed LD 848 into law. The new law allows police

officers and other first responders to file a workers' comp claim for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Other workers in the state will also be able to file PTSD claims in situations where the triggering event is "extraordinary and unusual" for their employment.



A U.S. District Judge dismissed the final claims against the NFL filed by former players. The players alleged that NFL teams over-used prescription pain medications to the detriment of the player's health. The judge dismissed the claims on the grounds that workers' comp is the exclusive remedy for the player's claims.





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The Colorado State Board of Pharmacy released a proposed rule change

that removes restrictions on prescribers having an ownership

interest in pharmacies. The regulation, if adopted, would allow physicians to own pharmacies in Colorado. The proposal is scheduled for a hearing in August.

## Industry News

Over 300 pharmacies from 41 states have filed a federal lawsuit against pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) Catamaran over claimed unfair reimbursement policies. The lawsuit alleges that the PBM sets its reimbursement rates using “irrelevant, inapplicable or outdated pricing data,” effectively reimbursing at a lower rate and creating a higher profit for themselves.

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

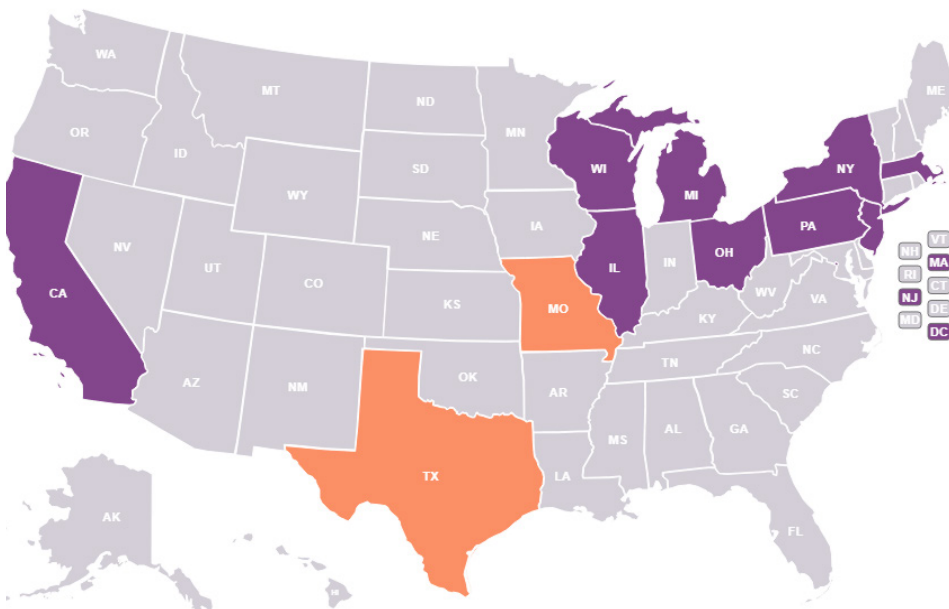
Jayne and Danielle will be in the home office next week.



## States in Session

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## Questions, Concerns, Suggestions? Let Us Know.

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