



# MEDICAL MANAGEMENT Regulatory Update



AIG and Health Direct are pleased to bring you this quarterly newsletter on the most recent legislation and regulation on workers' compensation medical management for your state(s).

## LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIVITY

Legislation	Synopsis	Status & Last Action Date	Effective Date
<b>Alabama</b>			
Hospital Fee Schedule  Ambulatory Surgical Center Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Alabama Department of Labor, Workers' Compensation Division issued a Memo which announces updates to its Hospital Fee Schedule and Ambulatory Surgical Center Schedule.</li> <li>The Memo may be viewed at: <a href="https://labor.alabama.gov/wc/FeeSchedules/2017%20Addendum%201%20Memo.pdf">https://labor.alabama.gov/wc/FeeSchedules/2017%20Addendum%201%20Memo.pdf</a></li> <li>The updated Fee Schedules may be viewed at: <a href="https://labor.alabama.gov/wc/2017FeeSchedules.aspx">https://labor.alabama.gov/wc/2017FeeSchedules.aspx</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memo issued on 4/7/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/7/17</li> </ul>
<b>Alaska</b>			
Medical Fees  Independent Medical Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board adopted changes which, among other things, amend regulations relating to fees for medical treatment and services, and second independent medical evaluation procedures.</li> <li>The Alaska Medical Fee Schedule may be viewed at: <a href="http://labor.state.ak.us/wc/notices/2017-04-01-AK-Medical-Fee-Schedule.pdf">http://labor.state.ak.us/wc/notices/2017-04-01-AK-Medical-Fee-Schedule.pdf</a></li> <li>The adopted changes regarding second independent medical evaluations may be viewed at: <a href="http://labor.state.ak.us/wc/regs/2017-04-01-Regulations.pdf">http://labor.state.ak.us/wc/regs/2017-04-01-Regulations.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/1/17</li> </ul>

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<b>Arizona</b>			
Physicians' and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Industrial Commission of Arizona announced it will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed 2017 Physicians' and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule.</li> <li>The Notice of Hearing may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/Notice%20of%20Fee%20Schedule%20Hearing%20-%20April%2027%202017.pdf">https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/Notice%20of%20Fee%20Schedule%20Hearing%20-%20April%2027%202017.pdf</a></li> <li>The Staff Recommendations Report may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/2017%20Fee%20Schedule%20Staff%20Study%20Recommendations%20Final.pdf">https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/2017%20Fee%20Schedule%20Staff%20Study%20Recommendations%20Final.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing held on 4/27/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Process for the Use of Evidence-Based Treatment Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Industrial Commission of Arizona adopted rules, with an effective date of 10/1/16, which establish a prior authorization process using evidence-based treatment guidelines for the management of chronic pain, and the use of opioids for all stages of pain management.</li> <li>The adopted rules may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/MRO_20_5_Article13_0.pdf">https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/MRO_20_5_Article13_0.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council on 6/7/16.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10/1/16</li> </ul>
<b>Arkansas</b>			
Drug Formulary	<p>The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission ("AWCC") proposed a new rule which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes a drug formulary for all FDA approved drugs prescribed for an accepted new workers' compensation claim filed after September 1, 2017.</li> <li>Establishes a process for filling workers' compensation prescriptions, reviewing and prescribing Opioid medications, and implements a dispute resolution process between a provider and the reviewing pharmacists or PBM.</li> <li>Establishes a process for appealing to the AWCC, a process for rule review and establishes the effective date of implementation.</li> <li>The proposed rule may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.awcc.state.ar.us/proposed/proposed_rule_099_41linked.pdf">http://www.awcc.state.ar.us/proposed/proposed_rule_099_41linked.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing was held on 5/23/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
HB 1180 Durable Medical Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enacted legislation which, among other things, authorizes advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to sign authorizations for durable medical equipment.</li> <li>The enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Acts/Act372.pdf">http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Acts/Act372.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 3/7/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/31/17</li> </ul>
<b>California</b>			
Hospital Outpatient Departments and Ambulatory Surgical Centers Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Division of Workers' Compensation ("DWC") has posted an order adjusting the hospital outpatient departments and ambulatory surgical centers section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule to conform to changes in the Medicare payment system.</li> <li>The order adopting the adjustments may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OMFS9904.htm#6">http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OMFS9904.htm#6</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6/1/17</li> </ul>

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Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Division of Workers' Compensation ("DWC") has posted an order adjusting the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule to conform to changes in the Medicare payment system.</li> <li>The order adopting the adjustments may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OMFS9904.htm#3">http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OMFS9904.htm#3</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/1/17</li> </ul>
Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule – Prescription Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed rules which establish a formulary for the medications prescribed in the workers' compensation system, as required by AB 1124.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed rules may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/MTUS-Formulary/MTUS-Formulary.htm">http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/MTUS-Formulary/MTUS-Formulary.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing was held on 5/1/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
AB 1124 Prescription Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enacted legislation which, among other things, requires the DWC administrative director to establish a formulary on or before 7/1/17 for the medications prescribed in the workers' compensation system.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1124">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1124</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 10/6/15.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/1/16</li> </ul>
SB 1160 Medical Treatment Guidelines Utilization Review	<p>Enacted legislation which, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires utilization review plans to be accredited by an independent, nonprofit organization to certify that the utilization review plan meets specified criteria.</li> <li>Requires the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation to adopt regulations to provide employees with notice regarding access to medical treatment following the denial of a claim under the workers' compensation system.</li> <li>Revises and recasts provisions relating to utilization review with regard to injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2018.</li> <li>Requires the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation to develop a system for electronic reporting of documents related to utilization review performed by each employer.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_1151-1200/sb_1160_bill_20160930_chaptered.pdf">http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_1151-1200/sb_1160_bill_20160930_chaptered.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 9/30/16.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/1/18</li> </ul>
<b>Colorado</b>			
Cumulative Trauma Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Workers' Compensation, proposed revisions to its medical treatment guidelines for cumulative trauma injuries.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed revisions may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Ex5_CTC_InText_Biblio.pdf">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Ex5_CTC_InText_Biblio.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3/2/17</li> </ul>

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<b>Connecticut</b>			
Opioid Management Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State of Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission updated its opioid management protocol.</li> <li>Further information regarding the updated protocol may be viewed at: <a href="http://wcc.state.ct.us/download/acrobat/protocols.pdf">http://wcc.state.ct.us/download/acrobat/protocols.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3/27/17</li> </ul>
Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memo issued which announces publication of the 2017 Official Connecticut Fee Schedule for Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.</li> <li>The Memo may be viewed at: <a href="http://wcc.state.ct.us/memos/2017/2017-01.htm">http://wcc.state.ct.us/memos/2017/2017-01.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memo issued on 3/31/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/1/17</li> </ul>
<b>Florida</b>			
Expert Medical Advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Workers' Compensation, adopted changes to regulations regarding expert medical advisors.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted changes may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/View_notice.asp?id=18476771">https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/View_notice.asp?id=18476771</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5/18/17</li> </ul>
Utilization and Reimbursement Disputes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Workers' Compensation, proposed amendments to rules which govern the process for resolution of disputes between workers' compensation carriers and health care providers.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed amendments may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=69L-31.003">https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=69L-31.003</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing was held on 1/5/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Provider Reimbursement Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Workers' Compensation, adopted the 2017 Provider Reimbursement Manual which, among other things, amends rules regarding prior authorization of compounded medications.</li> <li>Further information regarding the 2017 Provider Reimbursement Manual may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/pdf/DRAFT%2069L-7.020%20PreWorkshop%202017HCPRM%2004_14_2017.pdf">http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/pdf/DRAFT%2069L-7.020%20PreWorkshop%202017HCPRM%2004_14_2017.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/1/17</li> </ul>

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<p>Hospital Reimbursement Manual</p> <p>Ambulatory Surgical Centers Reimbursement Manual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Workers' Compensation, held rule development hearings to discuss adoption of the draft of the 2016 Edition of the Florida Workers' Compensation Reimbursement Manual for Hospitals, and the draft of the 2016 Edition of the Florida Workers' Compensation Reimbursement Manual for Ambulatory Surgical Centers.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the draft of the 2016 Edition of the Florida Workers' Compensation Reimbursement Manual for Hospitals may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/pdf/Draft-69L-7.501-Workshop-2016HRM-08_22_2016.pdf">http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/pdf/Draft-69L-7.501-Workshop-2016HRM-08_22_2016.pdf</a></li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the draft of the 2016 Edition of the Florida Workers' Compensation Reimbursement Manual for Ambulatory Surgical Centers may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/pdf/Draft-69L-7.100-Post-Workshop-2016ASCRM-08_15_2016.pdf">http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/pdf/Draft-69L-7.100-Post-Workshop-2016ASCRM-08_15_2016.pdf</a></li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Died during the legislative ratification process on 5/5/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Hawaii</b>			
<p>SB 859</p> <p>Independent Medical Examinations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passed legislation which allows injured workers to bring a chaperone to medical examinations by an employer's physician and, with the physician's permission, make recordings of the examination.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2017/bills/SB859_CD1_.htm">http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2017/bills/SB859_CD1_.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sent to the Governor for signature on 5/4/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
<p>SB 984</p> <p>Advanced Practice Registered Nurses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passed legislation which amends the definition of "physician" in workers' compensation law to include advanced practice registered nurses.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the passed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2017/bills/SB984_CD1_.htm">http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2017/bills/SB984_CD1_.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sent to the Governor for signature on 5/4/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
<p>HB 980</p> <p>Independent Medical Examination</p> <p>Permanent Impairment Rating</p>	<p>Proposed legislation which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provides that an independent medical examination and permanent impairment rating examination shall be conducted by a qualified chiropractor or physician selected by the mutual agreement of the parties.</li> <li>▪ Provides a process for appointment in the event that there is no mutual agreement.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2017/bills/HB980_.pdf">http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2017/bills/HB980_.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Re-referred to House Committees on Labor, Judiciary, Finance, and Consumer Protection and Commerce on 1/31/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>

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<b>Illinois</b>			
HB 2525  Drug Formulary  Utilization Review	Passed reform legislation which amends the Workers' Compensation Act, and among other things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission to create by rule an evidence based drug formulary.</li> <li>Provides for utilization review of prescriptions outside of the formulary.</li> <li>Further information regarding the passed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2525&amp;GAID=14&amp;GA=100&amp;DocTypeID=HB&amp;LegID=103675&amp;SessionID=91">http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2525&amp;GAID=14&amp;GA=100&amp;DocTypeID=HB&amp;LegID=103675&amp;SessionID=91</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sent to the Governor for signature on 5/31/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
SB 12  Drug Formulary  Utilization Review  Reimbursement	Proposed reform legislation, which amends the Workers' Compensation Act, and among other things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes limitations on the number of chiropractic, occupational therapy, or physical therapy visits an injured worker may receive.</li> <li>Provides for maximum allowable payments for certain service categories.</li> <li>Requires the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission to create by rule an evidence based drug formulary.</li> <li>Provides for utilization review of prescriptions outside of the formulary.</li> <li>Creates a Medicare-based fee schedule.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=12&amp;GAID=14&amp;DocTypeID=SB&amp;LegID=98855&amp;SessionID=91&amp;GA=100">http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=12&amp;GAID=14&amp;DocTypeID=SB&amp;LegID=98855&amp;SessionID=91&amp;GA=100</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died in the Senate Committee on Assignments on 5/23/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
SB 1309  Utilization Review	Proposed reform legislation which amends the Workers' Compensation Act, and among other things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission to establish a mechanism to enforce providers' compliance with clinical reporting requirements in support of a request for treatment.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/100/SB/PDF/10000SB1309lv.pdf">http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/100/SB/PDF/10000SB1309lv.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Senate Committee on Assignments on 3/17/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
SB 2892  Prescriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which establishes limitations on filling and dispensing prescriptions outside of a licensed pharmacy.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/100/HB/PDF/10000HB2892lv.pdf">http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/100/HB/PDF/10000HB2892lv.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-referred to the Senate Rules Committee on 3/31/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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<b>Kansas</b>			
HB 2059  AMA's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which, among other things, repeals the requirement to use the 6th Edition of the AMA's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment and reverts back to the requirement to use the 4th edition.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/documents/hb2059_00_0000.pdf">http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/documents/hb2059_00_0000.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending in the House Committee on Commerce Labor and Economic Development on 1/31/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Kentucky</b>			
HB 296  Treatment Guidelines and Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which, among other things, requires the Commissioner of the Department of Workers' Claims to develop, adopt, and implement treatment guidelines and a pharmaceutical formulary on or before December 31, 2018.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/HB296.htm">http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/HB296.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died at the close of the 2017 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Louisiana</b>			
Administrative Determinations and Appeals of Medical Treatment Disputes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 3/2/17, the 19th District Court in Baton Rouge issued a permanent injunction barring the Louisiana Workforce Commission, Office of Workers' Compensation ("OWCA"), from applying and/or enforcing the statutes and regulations which establish the system for the administrative determinations of form 1009 claims for medical benefits for injured workers by a medical director employed by the OWCA and administrative appeals to OWCA judges.</li> <li>The OWCA filed a suspensive appeal. The 1009 review process has resumed effective 3/10/17; however, rulemaking by the OWCA regarding the medical treatment dispute process has been suspended pending further action of the Appellate Court.</li> <li>Further information regarding the permanent injunction may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.laworks.net/WorkersComp/OWC_MainMenu.asp">http://www.laworks.net/WorkersComp/OWC_MainMenu.asp</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1009 review process resumed on 3/10/17, but rulemaking was suspended.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Medical Dispute Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Office of Workers' Compensation Administration proposed amendments to its rules on medical dispute resolution.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed amendments may be viewed on page 474 of the Louisiana Register at: <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/osr/REG/1702/1702.pdf">http://www.doa.la.gov/osr/REG/1702/1702.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rulemaking process suspended on 3/15/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Medical Treatment Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Office of Workers' Compensation Administration proposed amendments to certain portions of the Medical Treatment Guidelines regarding general guidelines principles for cervical spine injuries, low back pain, and chronic pain disorder.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed amendments may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/OWC/NoticeOfIntent_RedLine.pdf">http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/OWC/NoticeOfIntent_RedLine.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rulemaking process suspended on 3/15/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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HB 192 Opioid Prescribing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed legislation which, among other things, provides for a seven-day limit on initial opioid prescriptions.</li> <li>Further information regarding the passed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1047293">http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1047293</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sent to the Governor on 6/2/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
HB 529 Pharmacy Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which provides for the creation and adoption of a closed pharmacy formulary, within the Medical Treatment Guidelines, by the Office of Workers' Compensation Administration by 7/1/18.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1031258">http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1031258</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died at the close of the 2017 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
HB 592 Pharmacy Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which requires adoption of the most recent version of the Workers' Compensation Formulary of the Official Disability Guidelines Appendix A: Treatment in Workers' Compensation, published by Work Loss Data Institute, and the promulgation of supporting rules within the Medical Treatment Guidelines by the Office of Workers' Compensation Administration, by 1/1/18.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1040969">http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1040969</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died at the close of the 2017 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Maine</b>			
LD 1646 Opioid Prescription Abuse Prevention	<p>Enacted legislation which, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limits prescribing of opioids to no more than 7 days for acute pain and 30 days for chronic pain, beginning in January 2017.</li> <li>Sets a cap on the strength of opioid prescriptions.</li> <li>Allows exemptions for cancer, palliative and end-of-life care.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0671&amp;item=4&amp;snum=127">http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0671&amp;item=4&amp;snum=127</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 4/19/16.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/1/17</li> </ul>
<b>Maryland</b>			
SB 194 Provider Billing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted legislation which, among other things, requires a provider to submit to an employer or employer's insurer, within a specified time period, a bill for and documentation summarizing the medical service or treatment provided to a covered employee.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2017RS/amds/bil_0004/sb0194_30797901.pdf">http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2017RS/amds/bil_0004/sb0194_30797901.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 5/4/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12/1/17</li> </ul>



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<b>Massachusetts</b>			
Utilization Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents, Office of Health Policy, adopted amendments to regulations governing utilization review and quality assessment.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted amendments may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/lwd/workers-compensation/publications/wc-announcements/452-cmr-600-reg-rev-2015.pdf">http://www.mass.gov/lwd/workers-compensation/publications/wc-announcements/452-cmr-600-reg-rev-2015.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/27/17</li> </ul>
<b>Minnesota</b>			
Independent Medical Examination Fees  Medical Services and Fees  Pharmacy Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Workers' Compensation Division, adopted updates to the workers' compensation rules to implement the independent medical examination fee schedule, the medical rules of practice, billing and payment rules, the relative value fee schedule rules and the pharmacy fee schedule.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted fee updates may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.dli.mn.gov/PDF/docket/5219_5221_1216_docket.pdf">http://www.dli.mn.gov/PDF/docket/5219_5221_1216_docket.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted on 2/27/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3/20/17</li> </ul>
Vocational Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Workers' Compensation Division, published a draft for discussion on possible amendments to rules regarding Rehabilitation Services.</li> <li>Further information regarding the draft may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.dli.mn.gov/Pdf/docket/5220rule.pdf">http://www.dli.mn.gov/Pdf/docket/5220rule.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written comment period is open until further notice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Montana</b>			
HB 229 Choice of Physician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which allows an injured worker to designate a treating physician.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2017/billpdf/HB0229.pdf">http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2017/billpdf/HB0229.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died at the close of the 2017 Legislative Session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Nebraska</b>			
LB 408  Drug Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which provides for adoption of an evidence-based drug formulary prescribed and dispensed for outpatient use in connection with workers' compensation claims with a date of injury on or after 1/1/18.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/105/PDF/Intro/LB408.pdf">http://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/105/PDF/Intro/LB408.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending in the Business and Labor Committee on 2/2/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Nevada</b>			
AB 3  Communication with Treating Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which, among other things, establishes and clarifies limitations on case manager communication with treating providers.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB3.pdf">http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB3.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died in the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor on 4/14/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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<b>New Hampshire</b>			
Managed Care Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed repeal of certain sections and re-adoption with amendments to other sections of the rules concerning the approval and operation of Managed Care Organizations.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed rules may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.nh.gov/labor/laws/laws-and-rules-proposed.htm">http://www.nh.gov/labor/laws/laws-and-rules-proposed.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment period ended on 8/3/16.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>New Jersey</b>			
A 4444 Medical Fee Disputes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which establishes timelines for filing medical fee disputes with the New Jersey Division of Workers' Compensation.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/A4500/4444_11.PDF">http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/A4500/4444_11.PDF</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending in the General Assembly on 2/13/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>New Mexico</b>			
Fee Schedule and Billing Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration adopted amendments to the New Mexico Fee Schedule and Billing Instructions.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted amendments may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.workerscomp.state.nm.us/fee_schedule.php">http://www.workerscomp.state.nm.us/fee_schedule.php</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted on 12/1/16.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/1/17</li> </ul>
SB 371 Medical Marijuana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which, among other things, amends the Worker's Compensation Act to require employers to pay for medical marijuana treatment under certain conditions.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/17%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0371.pdf">https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/17%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0371.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died at the close of the 2017 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>New York</b>			
A 3009-C Drug Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enacted legislation which, among other things, requires the New York State Workers' Compensation Board to establish a comprehensive prescription drug formulary by 12/31/17.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2017/A3009C">http://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2017/A3009C</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 4/9/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
A1396 Occupational Therapy Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which authorizes treatment of workers' compensation injuries by an occupational therapy assistant.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/A1396">https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/A1396</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor on 1/12/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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S 3434 Acupuncture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which authorizes the care and treatment of injured employees by licensed or certified acupuncturists under the workers' compensation program.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/S3434">https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/S3434</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor on 1/23/17</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
S 406 Massage Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which authorizes certain care and treatment of injured employees receiving workers' compensation benefits relating to massage therapy services.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/s406/amendment/original">https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/s406/amendment/original</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor on 1/4/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
A 3877 Social Worker Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which authorizes the care and treatment of injured employees by licensed social workers under the workers' compensation program.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/A3877">https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/A3877</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor on 1/30/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>North Carolina</b>			
Electronic Filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted rule which mandates, in most cases, electronic filing of workers' compensation documents and forms to the North Carolina Industrial Commission ("Commission"), including Form 25N, <i>Notice to the Commission of Assignment of Rehabilitation Professional</i>, via the Commission's Electronic Document Filing Portal ("EDFP").</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted rule may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.ic.nc.gov/Amend10A0108Adopted.pdf">http://www.ic.nc.gov/Amend10A0108Adopted.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2/1/17</li> </ul>
<b>Ohio</b>			
Hospital Inpatient Reimbursement Rule Hospital Outpatient Reimbursement Rule Professional Provider Medical Services Fee Schedule Ambulatory Surgical Center Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted rules that amend various reimbursement rates and fee schedules.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted rules may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/provider/services/FeeSchedules.asp">https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/provider/services/FeeSchedules.asp</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/1/17 for the Professional Provider Medical Services</li> <li>2/1/17 for the Hospital Inpatient</li> <li>5/1/17 for the Ambulatory Surgical Center and Hospital Outpatient</li> </ul>

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Prescription Reimbursement Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation adopted amendments to the agency's prescription reimbursement model to better reflect pricing in the current marketplace, revise coverage and reimbursement of compounded prescriptions and implement coverage changes to various formulary medications.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted amendments may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/basics/guidedtour/generalinfo/orcandoac.asp">https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/basics/guidedtour/generalinfo/orcandoac.asp</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/1/17 for outpatient medication payment and formulary revision</li> <li>2/1/17 for hospital inpatient services payment</li> </ul>
Opioid Prescribing Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation adopted new opioid prescribing rules, effective October 1, 2016 for claims with a date of injury on or after September 1, 2016 and for all claims on or after January 1, 2017.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted rules may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/pdfs/phn/4123_NO_299939_20160713_0821.pdf">http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/pdfs/phn/4123_NO_299939_20160713_0821.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10/1/16</li> </ul>
<b>Oklahoma</b>			
SB 737  Independent Medical Examinations  Selection of Treating Physician  Epidural Steroid Injections	<p>Proposed reform legislation which, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modifies the procedure for selecting and assigning independent medical examiners to review cases.</li> <li>Amends the process for selection of a change of treating physician.</li> <li>Clarifies that there is no limit on the number of epidural steroid injections that may be administered for soft tissue injuries.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2017-18%20AMENDMENTS/Amendment%20%20Engr/SB737%20HASB%20%20ENGR.PDF">http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2017-18%20AMENDMENTS/Amendment%20%20Engr/SB737%20HASB%20%20ENGR.PDF</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died in Conference in the Senate on 5/31/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Oregon</b>			
Medical Fee and Payment Rules Medical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Oregon Workers' Compensation Division proposed amendments to its Medical Services and Medical Fee and Payment Rules.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed amendments may be viewed at: <a href="http://wcd.oregon.gov/Rules/div_009/9-17050ub.pdf">http://wcd.oregon.gov/Rules/div_009/9-17050ub.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/1/17</li> </ul>

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<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
HB 18  Drug Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation that requires the Pennsylvania Department of Labor &amp; Industry to select a nationally recognized, evidence-based prescription drug formulary appropriate for resolving issues related to drugs prescribed for or related to the treatment of work-related injuries.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2017&amp;sInd=0&amp;body=h&amp;type=b&amp;bn=18">http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2017&amp;sInd=0&amp;body=h&amp;type=b&amp;bn=18</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the House Committee on Labor and Industry on 2/13/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Tennessee</b>			
Medical Treatment Guidelines and Prescription Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted rules which establish medical treatment guidelines based on Work Loss Data Institute's Official Disability Guidelines ("ODG"), effective 2/28/16. ODG's drug formulary is also adopted with a phased in schedule of effective dates.</li> <li>The formulary is effective on 8/28/16 for claims with a date of injury on or after 1/1/16 and for new medication prescriptions for claims with a date of injury prior to 1/1/16.</li> <li>The formulary is effective on 2/28/17 for refill prescriptions and medications being used for claims with a date of injury prior to 1/1/16.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted rules may be viewed at: <a href="http://share.tn.gov/sos/rules_filings/11-14-15.pdf">http://share.tn.gov/sos/rules_filings/11-14-15.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved by the Legislative Committee on Government Operations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various</li> </ul>
Rules for Medical Payments  Medical Fee Schedule  Inpatient Hospital Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed rules which amend the Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation's Rules for Medical Payments, the Medical Fee Schedule and the Inpatient Hospital Fee Schedule.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed Rules for Medical Payments may be viewed at: <a href="http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/04-12-17.pdf">http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/04-12-17.pdf</a></li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed Medical Fee Schedule may be viewed at: <a href="http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/04-10-17.pdf">http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/04-10-17.pdf</a></li> <li>Further information regarding the Inpatient Hospital Fee Schedule may be viewed at: <a href="http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/04-11-17.pdf">http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/04-11-17.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing was held on 6/8/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
SB 0297  Utilization Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enacted legislation which establishes conditions under which certain diagnostic procedures are exempt from utilization review.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0380.pdf">http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0380.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 5/18/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5/18/17</li> </ul>

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<b>Texas</b>			
SB 1494  Work Hardening/Work Conditioning	<p>Enacted legislation which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires preauthorization and concurrent review for work-hardening or work-conditioning services provided by a healthcare facility that is credentialed by an organization recognized by the Commissioner of the Texas Department of Insurance ("Commissioner"),</li> <li>Allows the Commissioner by rule to exempt work-hardening or work-conditioning services from preauthorization and concurrent review that are provided by a healthcare facility credentialed by an organization designated by the Commissioner.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/history.aspx?LegSess=85R&amp;Bill=SB1494">http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/history.aspx?LegSess=85R&amp;Bill=SB1494</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 5/22/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9/1/17</li> </ul>
HB 2546  Utilization Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed legislation which grants a physician assistant the authority to complete and sign a work status report regarding an injured employee's ability to return to work.</li> <li>Further information regarding the passed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=85R&amp;Bill=HB2546">http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=85R&amp;Bill=HB2546</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sent to the Governor on 5/30/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Utah</b>			
HB 90  Opioid Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enacted legislation which, among other things, allows workers' compensation insurers to enact policies to minimize the risk of opioid overdose and addiction, and requires written submission of those policies to the Utah Insurance Department annually by September 1.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/HB0090.html">https://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/HB0090.html</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 3/17/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/1/17</li> </ul>
<b>Virginia</b>			
Opioid Prescribing  Emergency Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Virginia Board of Medicine adopted emergency regulations that govern the prescribing of opioids and buprenorphine.</li> <li>Further information regarding the emergency regulations may be viewed at: <a href="http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewXML.cfm?textid=11462">http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewXML.cfm?textid=11462</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3/15/17</li> </ul>
Medical Fee Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission published a Notice outlining a project plan timeline for the adoption and implementation of medical fee schedules pursuant to enacted legislation HB 378.</li> <li>The Notice may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.vwc.state.va.us/content/Updated-Medical-Fee-Schedule-Project-Timeline">http://www.vwc.state.va.us/content/Updated-Medical-Fee-Schedule-Project-Timeline</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notice published.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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HB 378  Medical Fee Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enacted legislation that, among other things, directs the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission to adopt regulations establishing fee schedules for medical services provided to an injured person, in the absence of a contract with the provider to accept a specified fee.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=161&amp;typ=bil&amp;val=hb378&amp;submit=GO">http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=161&amp;typ=bil&amp;val=hb378&amp;submit=GO</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 3/7/16.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/1/18</li> </ul>
<b>Washington</b>			
Medical Aid Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted rule amendments that update the Medical Aid Rules rates for most professional health care services for injured workers.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted rule amendments may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.lni.wa.gov/rules/AO16/36/1636CR103.pdf">http://www.lni.wa.gov/rules/AO16/36/1636CR103.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted on 5/2/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/1/17</li> </ul>

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