



# MEDICAL MANAGEMENT Regulatory Update



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## LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIVITY

Legal Activity	Synopsis	Status & Last Action Date	Effective Date
<b>Alaska</b>			
Medical Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workers' Compensation, scheduled a public hearing to discuss and make recommendations regarding the Medical Fee Schedule for 2021,</li> <li>Further information regarding the Medical Fee Schedule may be viewed at: <a href="https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=123356">https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=123356</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing was held on 8/11/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/1/20</li> </ul>
<b>Arizona</b>			
Telemedicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Governor of Arizona issued an Executive Order which requires the expanded use of telemedicine in workers' compensation cases during the COVID-19 public health emergency.</li> <li>The Executive Order may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/eo_2020-29_increased_telemedicine-workers_comp.pdf">https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/eo_2020-29_increased_telemedicine-workers_comp.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Order was issued on 4/14/20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/14/20</li> </ul>
Physicians' and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Industrial Commission of Arizona has proposed its 2020/2021 Physicians' and Pharmaceutical Fee Schedule.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed fee schedule may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/Amended%202020%20Fee%20Schedule%20Staff%20Proposal%20and%20Request%20for%20Public%20Comment_FIN_AL.pdf">https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/Amended%202020%20Fee%20Schedule%20Staff%20Proposal%20and%20Request%20for%20Public%20Comment_FIN_AL.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing was held on 6/25/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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<b>California</b>			
Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Division of Workers' Compensation ("DWC") proposed amendments to the Knee Disorders Guideline, Workplace Mental Health Guideline: Depressive Disorders, and Occupational Interstitial Lung Disease Guideline sections of the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed amendments may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/2020/MTUS-Evidence-Based-Updates-June-2020/MTUS-Evidence-Based-Update.htm">https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/2020/MTUS-Evidence-Based-Updates-June-2020/MTUS-Evidence-Based-Update.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing was held on 7/23/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Qualified Medical Evaluations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Division of Workers' Compensation ("DWC") adopted emergency regulations regarding qualified medical evaluations.</li> <li>Further information regarding the emergency regulations may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/2020/QME-Regulations/QME_Regs.htm">https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/2020/QME-Regulations/QME_Regs.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved by the Office of Administrative Law on 5/14/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5/14/20</li> </ul>
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> </ul> <p>The order adopting the adjustments may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2020/2020-60.html">https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2020/2020-60.html</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Order was posted on 7/1/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/1/20</li> </ul>
Pathology and Clinical Laboratory Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Division of Workers' Compensation ("DWC") has posted an order adjusting the pathology and clinical laboratory section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule to conform to additional changes in the Medicare payment system.</li> <li>Further information regarding the order may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2020/2020-57.html">https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2020/2020-57.html</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Order was posted on 6/25/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/1/20</li> </ul>
Physician Services and Non-Physician Practitioner Services Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Division of Workers' Compensation ("DWC") posted an order adopting adjustments to the Physician Services and Non-Physician Practitioner Services section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule ("OMFS") to conform to changes in the Medicare payment system.</li> <li>Further information regarding the order may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2020/2020-54.html">https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2020/2020-54.html</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Order was issued on 6/19/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/1/20</li> </ul>
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="https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2020/2020-58.html">https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2020/2020-58.html</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Order was posted on 6/29/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/1/20</li> </ul>

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AB 2294 Medical Provider Networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed legislation which imposes new requirements on medical provider networks.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at:  <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2294">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2294</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Insurance on 5/5/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
SB 537 Medical Utilization Data Medical Provider Data	<p>Adopted legislation which, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Requires, by January 1, 2024, the Division of Workers' Compensation ("DWC") to create and publish on their website provider medical utilization data, including demographic information, the number of utilization review modification and denial decisions issued to a provider, the number of independent medical reviews requested by a provider, and the number resulting in either modification or denial.</li> <li>▪ Requires, by July 1, 2021, a medical provider network to post on its website a roster of all network physicians, including physical therapists, in the medical provider network and update the roster quarterly.</li> <li>▪ Clarifies that an entity that provides physician network services or ancillary network services is prohibited from altering or amending a request for authorization for medical treatment from a physician or physical therapist before the submission of the request to the claim's administrator.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at:  <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB537">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB537</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Signed by the Governor on 10/8/19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Various</li> </ul>
<b>Colorado</b>			
Telemedicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Workers' Compensation, adopted emergency rules regarding utilization and reimbursement for telehealth services effective during the state of emergency related to COVID-19.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the adopted emergency rules may be viewed at:  <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/workers-compensation-proposed-and-adopted-rules">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/workers-compensation-proposed-and-adopted-rules</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3/31/20</li> </ul>

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Utilization Procedures	<p>The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Workers' Compensation, adopted emergency rules applicable during the state of emergency related to COVID-19 which, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Suspend the requirement that the treating physician examine an injured worker within the first three visits to the physician's office.</li> <li>▪ Extend the requirement for a denial of a request for prior authorization from seven days to thirty-five days for requests related to treatment unavailable during the state of emergency.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the emergency rules may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/workers-compensation-proposed-and-adopted-rules">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/workers-compensation-proposed-and-adopted-rules</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adopted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3/24/20</li> </ul>
Medical Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Workers' Compensation, proposed an amendment to the Medical Fee Schedule regarding use of an interpreter.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed rule amendment may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Rule_18_7_H_Medical_Fee_Schedule_Proposed.pdf">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Rule_18_7_H_Medical_Fee_Schedule_Proposed.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public hearing was held on 2/20/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
Utilization Standards Medical Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Workers' Compensation, proposed amendments to its Rule 16, Medical Utilization Standards, and Rule 18, Medical Fee Schedule.</li> <li>▪ The proposed amendments, among other things, change the required timeframe of a payer's response to a prior authorization request, and an appeal of a prior authorization request, from 7 business days to 10 calendar days.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed amendments may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Rule_16_Utilization_Standards_2020.pdf">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Rule_16_Utilization_Standards_2020.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public hearing is scheduled for 9/21/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
HB 1154 Independent Medical Examinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed legislation which, among other things, amends provisions regarding independent medical examinations under the Workers' Compensation Act.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2020A/bills/2020a_1154_01.pdf">http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2020A/bills/2020a_1154_01.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pending in the House Appropriations Committee on 2/12/20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>

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<b>Connecticut</b>			
Telemedicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chairman of the State of Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission issued a Memorandum which encourages the use of telemedicine visits in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>Carriers have been advised to reimburse these visits at the fee schedule rate with no reduction (excluding contractual discounts).</li> <li>The Memorandum may be viewed at: <a href="https://wcc.state.ct.us/memos/2020/2020-11.htm">https://wcc.state.ct.us/memos/2020/2020-11.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorandum issued on 4/23/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Practitioner Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chairman of the State of Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission issued a Memorandum announcing publication of the 2020 Official Connecticut Practitioner Fee Schedule.</li> <li>The Memorandum may be viewed at: <a href="https://wcc.state.ct.us/memos/2020/2020-12.htm">https://wcc.state.ct.us/memos/2020/2020-12.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorandum issued on 7/1/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/15/20</li> </ul>
Fee Schedule for Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chairman of the State of Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission issued a Memorandum announcing publication of the 2020 Official Connecticut Fee Schedule for Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.</li> <li>The Memorandum may be viewed at: <a href="https://wcc.state.ct.us/memos/2020/2020-08.htm">https://wcc.state.ct.us/memos/2020/2020-08.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorandum issued on 4/1/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/1/20</li> </ul>
<b>Florida</b>			
Utilization and Reimbursement Disputes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Financial Services, Division of Workers' Compensation, proposed rules which amend existing rules governing the process for the resolution of reimbursement disputes between workers' compensation carriers and health care providers.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed rules may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/pdf/69L-31-Agenda-and-Materials-15-July-2020.pdf">https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/pdf/69L-31-Agenda-and-Materials-15-July-2020.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public was held on 7/15/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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<b>Hawaii</b>			
HB 389 Independent Medical Examination	<p>Proposed legislation which, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires persons performing an independent medical exam or permanent impairment rating exam examine the injured worker within a reasonable time period upon receipt of notice.</li> <li>Requires the injured worker be provided a copy of the exam.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/HB389_HD1_.htm">https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/HB389_HD1_.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died at the close of the 2020 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
HB 863 Independent Medical Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which, among other things, requires a physician or surgeon who performs a medical exam on an employee for workers' compensation purposes to be licensed in the State, possess medical malpractice insurance, and owe the same duty and standard of care to the injured employee as owed to a traditional patient.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/HB863_.pdf">https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/HB863_.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died at the close of the 2020 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
HB 1534 Medical Cannabis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which requires that workers registered with the Department of Health's medical cannabis program be reimbursed for the out of pocket cost of medical cannabis through the workers' compensation system in certain circumstances.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/HB1534_.pdf">https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/HB1534_.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died at the close of the 2020 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Illinois</b>			
HB 2792 Fee Schedule	<p>Proposed legislation which, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes existing medical fee schedules inoperative after August 31, 2020.</li> <li>Provides that the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission shall establish new medical fee schedules applicable on and after September 1, 2020 in accordance with specified criteria.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=2792&amp;GAID=15&amp;DocTypeID=HB&amp;LegID=119045&amp;SessionID=108&amp;GA=101">http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=2792&amp;GAID=15&amp;DocTypeID=HB&amp;LegID=119045&amp;SessionID=108&amp;GA=101</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-referred to the House Rules Committee on 3/29/19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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HB 2794  Custom Compound Medications	<p>Proposed legislation which amends the Workers' Compensation Act in relation to custom compound medications, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sets forth conditions for approval of payment.</li> <li>▪ Provides that charges shall be based upon the specific amount of each component drug and its original manufacturer's National Drug Code number.</li> <li>▪ Allows a provider to prescribe a one-time 7-day supply unless a prescription for more than 7 days is preauthorized by the employer.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&amp;SessionId=108&amp;GA=101&amp;DocTypeld=HB&amp;DocNum=2794&amp;GAID=15&amp;LegID=119048&amp;SpecSess=&amp;Session">http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&amp;SessionId=108&amp;GA=101&amp;DocTypeld=HB&amp;DocNum=2794&amp;GAID=15&amp;LegID=119048&amp;SpecSess=&amp;Session</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Re-referred to the House Rules Committee on 3/29/19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
HB 2795  Drug Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed legislation which requires the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission to promulgate an evidenced-based drug formulary.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&amp;SessionId=108&amp;GA=101&amp;DocTypeld=HB&amp;DocNum=2795&amp;GAID=15&amp;LegID=119049&amp;SpecSess=&amp;Session">http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&amp;SessionId=108&amp;GA=101&amp;DocTypeld=HB&amp;DocNum=2795&amp;GAID=15&amp;LegID=119049&amp;SpecSess=&amp;Session</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Re-referred to the House Rules Committee on 3/29/19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
HB 4998  Opioid Prescriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed legislation which provides that an initial prescription for an opioid may only be issued for a 7-day supply.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/101/HB/PDF/10100HB4998lv.pdf">http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/101/HB/PDF/10100HB4998lv.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Re-referred to the House Rules Committee on 6/23/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Kansas</b>			
HB 2313 SB 172  Medical Care Expense Limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed legislation which increases workers compensation treatment expense limits from \$500 to \$2,000 for injured workers prior to claim approval.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding HB 2313 may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/documents/hb2313_00_0000.pdf">http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/documents/hb2313_00_0000.pdf</a></li> <li>▪ Further information regarding SB 172 may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/documents/sb172_00_0000.pdf">http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/documents/sb172_00_0000.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HB 2313/SB172: Died at the close of the 2020 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
HB 2570  Opioid Prescriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Propose legislation which limits certain Schedule II, III and IV opioid prescriptions to a seven-day supply.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/documents/hb2570_00_0000.pdf">http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/documents/hb2570_00_0000.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Died at the close of the 2020 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>

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<b>Kentucky</b>			
Medical Treatment Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commissioner of the Department of Workers' Claims posted an Order suspending the effective date of the adopted medical treatment guidelines until January 1, 2021.</li> <li>The Order may be viewed at:  <a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/KYLABOR/2020/06/24/file_attachments/1480913/Administrative%20Order%202020-002.pdf">https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/KYLABOR/2020/06/24/file_attachments/1480913/Administrative%20Order%202020-002.pdf</a> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Order issued on 6/24/30.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6/24/20</li> </ul>
<b>Louisiana</b>			
Medical Treatment Authorization  Prescription Refills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Louisiana Workforce Commission, Office of Workers' Compensation Administration, adopted an emergency rule which directs carriers to extend deadlines for medical authorization and prescription refills, not including opioids, during the COV-19 state of emergency.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted rule may be viewed at:  <a href="https://www.doa.la.gov/osr/EMR/2020/2005EMR003.pdf">https://www.doa.la.gov/osr/EMR/2020/2005EMR003.pdf</a> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3/19/20</li> </ul>
Telemedicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Louisiana Workforce Commission, Office of Workers' Compensation Administration, adopted an emergency rule which provides temporary fee schedule reimbursement codes for telemedicine use during the COV-19 state of emergency.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted rule may be viewed at:  <a href="http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/OWC/Bulletin_2nd_EmergencyRule.pdf">http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/OWC/Bulletin_2nd_EmergencyRule.pdf</a> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/3/20</li> </ul>
SB 160  Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which provides for the creation of a workers' compensation pharmacy formulary.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at:  <a href="https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1159420">https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1159420</a> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Died at the close of the 2020 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Minnesota</b>			
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Workers' Compensation Division, adopted expedited rules regarding treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted expedited rules may be viewed at:  <a href="http://www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/ptsd_rule_checklist.pdf?utm_medium=email&amp;utm_source=govdelivery">http://www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/ptsd_rule_checklist.pdf?utm_medium=email&amp;utm_source=govdelivery</a> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5/4/20</li> </ul>

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<b>Mississippi</b>			
Telemedicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission issued a Bulletin which extends the timeframe allowing for expanded use of telemedicine services due to the COVID-19 crisis until September 28, 2020.</li> <li>The Bulletin may be viewed at: <a href="https://mwcc.ms.gov/pdf/2020_06_25_All_Commission_Policies.pdf">https://mwcc.ms.gov/pdf/2020_06_25_All_Commission_Policies.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulletin was issued on 6/25/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6/25/20</li> </ul>
<b>Montana</b>			
Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Montana Department of Labor and Industry adopted amendments to its medical fee schedules for workers' compensation.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted amendments may be viewed at: <a href="http://erd.dli.mt.gov/work-comp-claims/medical-regulations/montana-work-comp-fee-schedules">http://erd.dli.mt.gov/work-comp-claims/medical-regulations/montana-work-comp-fee-schedules</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/1/20</li> </ul>
Drug Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Montana Department of Labor and Industry issued a Letter to insurers formally requesting that they delay adherence to the Drug Formulary requirements for Legacy Claims until the COVID-19 crisis passes.</li> <li>Further information regarding the Letter of Request may be viewed at: <a href="http://erd.dli.mt.gov/Portals/54/Documents/Work-Comp-Claims/Medical-Regs/Formulary%20Committee/Formal%20Legacy%20Claim%20Guidance_due%20to%20COVID-19_March%2030-2020.pdf?ver=2020-04-02-154043-230">http://erd.dli.mt.gov/Portals/54/Documents/Work-Comp-Claims/Medical-Regs/Formulary%20Committee/Formal%20Legacy%20Claim%20Guidance_due%20to%20COVID-19_March%2030-2020.pdf?ver=2020-04-02-154043-230</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter of Request issued on 3/30/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Nebraska</b>			
LB 487 Drug Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which requires the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court to adopt an evidence-based drug formulary.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/106/PDF/Intro/LB487.pdf">https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/106/PDF/Intro/LB487.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carried over to the 2020 Legislative Session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>New Jersey</b>			
A 1708 Medical Marijuana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which, among other things, requires workers' compensation payers to reimburse an injured worker for the use of medical marijuana under certain circumstances.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A2000/1708_R1.PDF">https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A2000/1708_R1.PDF</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 2/13/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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A 469 Opioid Prescribing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which, among other things, limits first-time prescriptions of an opioid medication to a 7-day supply, with certain exceptions.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A0500/469_I1.PDF">https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A0500/469_I1.PDF</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Assembly Health Committee on 1/14/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>New York</b>			
Telemedicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The New York State Workers' Compensation Board adopted emergency amendments to allow telemedicine in some circumstances for social distancing purposes due to the outbreak of COVID-19.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted amendments may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/wclaws/Covid-19/">http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/wclaws/Covid-19/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/20/20</li> </ul>
Drug Formulary – Prescription Renewals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The New York State Workers' Compensation Board announced it has modified the Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary to extend the deadline by which all health care providers must obtain prior authorization for renewals of non-formulary medications from June 5, 2020, to January 1, 2021.</li> <li>The announcement may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/hcpp/DrugFormulary/formulary-deadline-extended-to-Jan-1-2021.jsp">http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/hcpp/DrugFormulary/formulary-deadline-extended-to-Jan-1-2021.jsp</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement issued.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Drug Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The New York State Workers' Compensation Board adopted permanent updates, previously adopted on an emergency basis, to its prescription drug formulary..</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted updates may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/wclaws/drug-formulary-441-2/">http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/wclaws/drug-formulary-441-2/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/1/20</li> </ul>
Medical Treatment Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The New York State Workers' Compensation Board proposed amendments to its Medical Treatment Guidelines to add a Hand, Wrist and Forearm Medical Treatment Guideline and a new Asthma Medical Treatment Guideline.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed amendments may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/wclaws/12NYCRR324_2AsthmaHandWristForearmMTG/">http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/wclaws/12NYCRR324_2AsthmaHandWristForearmMTG/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment period ended on 8/10/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Medical Treatment Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The New York State Workers' Compensation Board adopted amendments to its Medical Treatment Guidelines to incorporate four guidelines by reference: Hip/Groin, Foot/Ankle, Elbow, and Occupational Interstitial Lung Disease.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted amendments may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/wclaws/Rev-MTG-Amendment-324-2/">http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/wclaws/Rev-MTG-Amendment-324-2/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/1/21</li> </ul>

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A 864 Pharmacy Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which prohibits an employer/ carrier from refusing to allow a claimant to utilize a pharmacy of his or her choice to furnish the prescribed medications required by the claimant as long as such pharmacy's charges are below the pharmaceutical fee schedule.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A864&amp;term=0&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y">https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A864&amp;term=0&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor on 1/8/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
A 1250 Choice of Pharmacy	<p>Proposed legislation which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorizes workers' compensation claimants to use any in-state pharmacy that is registered with the education department, though an employer or insurance carrier may encourage use of a pharmacy with which it has a contract.</li> <li>Provides that a workers' compensation carrier shall not be liable for charges from any out-of-state pharmacy or for any extemporaneous compound medication that has by been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=a1250&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y">https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=a1250&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor on 1/8/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
S 3969A (A 3753A) Occupational and Physical Therapy Assistants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which authorizes treatment of workers' compensation injuries by an occupational therapy assistant and a physical therapy assistant.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A03753&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y">https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A03753&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed in the Senate on 7/21/20. Referred to the Assembly Labor Committee on 7/21/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
A 3594 Physical Therapy Assistants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which permits an authorized physician treating injured employees to direct that physical therapy care may be rendered by a certified physical therapist assistant under the workers' compensation program.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A03594&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y">https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A03594&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor on 1/8/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
A 5438 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://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A05438&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y">https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A05438&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor on 1/8/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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<p>A 0469</p> <p>Nurse Practitioners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed legislation which authorizes treatment of workers' compensation injuries by a certified nurse practitioner.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A00469&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y">https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A00469&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor on 1/8/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
<p>A 2679</p> <p>Pre-Authorized Treatment Procedures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed legislation which amends provisions regarding pre-authorized procedures for the treatment of injured workers under workers' compensation law.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A2679&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y">https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A2679&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor on 1/8/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
<p>A 7045 (S 5302)</p> <p>Medical Payment Disputes</p> <p>Treatment Guidelines</p>	<p>Proposed legislation which, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grants doctors and other providers standing to address payment issues and appeal decisions, as claimants have.</li> <li>▪ Provides that guidelines could be used only to approve, not deny, treatment.</li> <li>▪ Raises the threshold for which treatments require prior authorization from \$1,000 to \$2,000.</li> <li>▪ Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A07045&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y">https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=A07045&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor on 1/8/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
<p>A 8117 (S 7245)</p> <p>Network Pharmacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed legislation which amends workers' compensation law regarding contracted network pharmacy use.</li> <li>• Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=S7245&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y">https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=S7245&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommitted to the Assembly Labor Committee on 5/28/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
<p>S 2054</p> <p>Reimbursement for Medical Marijuana</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed legislation which deems medical marijuana as a prescription drug and would require reimbursement by insurers, including workers' compensation.</li> <li>• Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=S02054&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y">https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=S02054&amp;term=2019&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Referred to the Senate Health Committee on 1/8/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>

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S 5421 Massage Therapists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed legislation which authorizes treatment of workers' compensation injuries by a duly licensed massage therapist.</li> <li>Further information regarding the passed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=S5421&amp;term=0&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y">https://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&amp;leg_video=&amp;bn=S5421&amp;term=0&amp;Summary=Y&amp;Actions=Y&amp;Text=Y</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending in the Senate on 7/22/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Ohio</b>			
Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation proposed rules which, among other things, amend its outpatient medication formulary.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed rules may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/downloads/blankpdf/PharmacyRulesReview.pdf">https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/downloads/blankpdf/PharmacyRulesReview.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment period ends on 9/1/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Oklahoma</b>			
Medical Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission adopted changes to its Medical Fee Schedule.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted changes may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.ok.gov/wcc/Medical/index.html">https://www.ok.gov/wcc/Medical/index.html</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/1/20</li> </ul>
Independent Medical Examinations	<p>The Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission ("WCC") proposed rule amendments which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modify the qualifications for a person seeking appointment by the WCC as an independent medical examiner.</li> <li>Allow the WCC to deviate from its reimbursement schedule for independent medical examiner testimony when good cause is shown.</li> <li>The Oklahoma WCC may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.ok.gov/wcc/">https://www.ok.gov/wcc/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing was held on 3/4/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
SB 1375 Chiropractic Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enacted legislation which adds chiropractic services to allowable medical treatment.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=SB1375">http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=SB1375</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 5/18/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11/1/20</li> </ul>
<b>Oregon</b>			
Medical Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Oregon Workers' Compensation Division proposed updates to its Medical Fee Schedule regarding COVID-19 testing.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed updates may be viewed at: <a href="https://wcd.oregon.gov/laws/Documents/Proposed_rules_and_testimony/Div-009-2020-08-17/9-20XXp2.pdf">https://wcd.oregon.gov/laws/Documents/Proposed_rules_and_testimony/Div-009-2020-08-17/9-20XXp2.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing was held on 8/17/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
SB 507 Opioid Prescriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which limits opioid prescriptions to an average daily dosage of 100 morphine milligram equivalents, with certain exceptions.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&amp;sesYr=2019&amp;sessInd=0&amp;billBody=S&amp;billTyp=B&amp;billNbr=0507&amp;pn=0539">https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&amp;sesYr=2019&amp;sessInd=0&amp;billBody=S&amp;billTyp=B&amp;billNbr=0507&amp;pn=0539</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure on 4/3/19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
HB 1784 Direction of Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which, among other things, requires an injured worker to utilize a provider panel network, chosen by the employer, beyond the first 90 days of treatment, which is the current law.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&amp;sesYr=2019&amp;sessInd=0&amp;billBody=H&amp;billTyp=B&amp;billNbr=1784&amp;pn=2374">https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&amp;sesYr=2019&amp;sessInd=0&amp;billBody=H&amp;billTyp=B&amp;billNbr=1784&amp;pn=2374</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the House Committee on Labor and Industry on 8/30/19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Rhode Island</b>			
SB 2915 Provider Bills, Status Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enacted legislation which, among other things, changes the frequency from every 12 weeks, to every 10 weeks, with which an employee's medical provider must render bills and status reports, concerning actual and anticipated medical treatment plans.</li> <li>Further information regarding the enacted legislation may be viewed at: <a href="http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText20/SenateText20/S2915.pdf">http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText20/SenateText20/S2915.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed by the Governor on 7/22/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/22/20</li> </ul>
<b>South Carolina</b>			
Medical Fee Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission adopted changes to its Medical Fee Schedule and Provider Manual.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted changes may be viewed at: <a href="https://wcc.sc.gov/insurance-and-medical-services/medical-services-division/medical-fee-schedules">https://wcc.sc.gov/insurance-and-medical-services/medical-services-division/medical-fee-schedules</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted on 3/16/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/1/20</li> </ul>
<b>Tennessee</b>			
Telemedicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Governor of Tennessee issued an Executive Order which, among other things, suspends certain medical fee schedule regulations in order to facilitate physical, occupational, and speech therapy via telemedicine for workers' compensation recipients during the COVID-19 state of emergency.</li> <li>The Executive Order may be viewed at: <a href="https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee32.pdf">https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee32.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Order issued on 5/1/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5/1/20</li> </ul>

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<b>Texas</b>			
Telemedicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, extended the emergency rules adopted on 4/13/20 for 60 days until 10/8/20 to ensure enhanced access to telemedicine services in response to the COVID-19 disaster declaration.</li> <li>Further information regarding the adopted rules may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/adopted/documents/er167tm0420.pdf">https://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/adopted/documents/er167tm0420.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension was filed on 8/10/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/13/20</li> </ul>
Preauthorization Extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, issued a Memorandum which encourages workers' compensation insurance carriers and utilization review agents to extend preauthorizations issued before 3/22/20, without a request from a health care provider, and provide injured workers and health care providers with written notice of updated authorizations.</li> <li>These extensions do not apply to one-time preauthorizations for medical care that has already been completed, new preauthorization requests, or pharmacy preauthorizations.</li> <li>The Memorandum may be viewed at: <a href="https://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/information/documents/urpreauth0520m.pdf">https://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/information/documents/urpreauth0520m.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorandum was issued on 5/14/20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5/14/20</li> </ul>
<b>Vermont</b>			
H 14 Medical Marijuana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which extends benefit payments in workers' compensation insurance claims to the prescription of medical marijuana.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.14">https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.14</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development on 1/10/19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
H 174 Opioid Prescriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed legislation which, among other things, limits initial opioid prescriptions for acute pain to a 7-day supply with an average daily dosage of 50 morphine milligram equivalents, with certain exceptions.</li> <li>Further information regarding the proposed legislation may be viewed at: <a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2020/Docs/BILLS/H-0174/H-0174%20As%20Introduced.pdf">https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2020/Docs/BILLS/H-0174/H-0174%20As%20Introduced.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to the House Committee on Human Services on 2/6/19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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