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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY—LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

This report includes descriptions and/or excerpts of relevant bills that passed the first chamber, passed the second chamber, or were enacted during the specific periods. In addition, a recap of significant legislative and judicial activity impacting the workers compensation system is included in the first report published each month. This report is issued on a weekly basis throughout the legislative season and provides updates on the content of these bills if and when they progress through the legislative process. This report covers bills from states where NCCI provides ratemaking services (see state list under Contact Information) and the US Congress.

BILLS ENACTED

There were no relevant workers compensation-related bills enacted within the one-week period ending October 26, 2018.

BILLS PASSING SECOND CHAMBER

There were no relevant workers compensation-related bills that passed the second chamber within the one-week period ending October 26, 2018.

BILLS PASSING FIRST CHAMBER

There were no relevant workers compensation-related bills that passed the first chamber within the one-week period ending October 26, 2018.

STATE COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

State	Update
Montana	The Department of Labor and Industry scheduled a public hearing for November 9 in Helena to consider the proposed adoption, amendment, and transfer of the rules regarding the adoption of the Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary. The department developed a general consensus among its stakeholder group that it should adopt the commercial <i>Official Disability Guidelines</i> formulary. The Labor-Management Advisory Council gave its approval to the department's choice as well.
Utah	<p>The Utah Legislature's Business and Labor Interim Committee met on October 17. At that meeting, the Utah Insurance Department (Department) submitted an update on its progress to implement provisions of UT SB 92 (2017), which transitions the former state fund, Workers' Compensation Fund, to a fully private carrier. UT SB 92 (2017) also requires the Department to implement a procedure for carriers wishing to enter into a contract with the state to "write all workers' compensation insurance for which application is made ...," similar to a residual market mechanism. At the meeting, the Department also submitted a definition of the "residual market" as "those employers that have two or more declinations from the admitted market." There were no questions or discussion.</p> <p>The Workers Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC) voted to amend the medical fee schedule, effective January 1, 2019, by increasing certain evaluation and medical codes. The WCAC wants to make it more attractive for providers to see workers compensation patients. The WCAC considered multiple pricing and impact options provided by NCCI.</p> <p><i>NCCI estimates that the expected rule, which implements the WCAC's recommendation, may result in an estimated 0.4% increase in overall costs.</i></p>

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