Workers' Comp

StateWatch: Bill Review February/March 2019

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CALIFORNIA

The state's **Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS) guidelines** is now accessible online for free to providers treating injured workers.

The **Division of Workers' Compensation** has made updates to the Hospital Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) fee schedules to comply to Medicare's updates, effective Feb. 15.

INDIANA

The **Workers' Compensation Board of Indiana** has announced its postponing implementation electronic reporting requirements for first reports of injury (FROI) and subsequent reports of injury (SROI) IAIABC Release 3.1 standards. The implementation date change from Jan. 1 to March 20 has been made to allow additional time for the trading partner and EDI vendors to complete required testing, board officials said.

KANSAS

WATCHLIST: The **Division of Workers' Compensation** has posted the proposed Medical Fee Schedule. If adopted, changes are effective on and after March 29.

KENTUCKY

The **Department of Workers' Compensation** has adopted new rules establishing a pharmaceutical formulary to facilitate the safe and appropriate use of prescription drugs. The target implementation date is July 1.

NEVADA

The **Department of Industrial Relations** has submitted the finalized Medical Fee Schedule, which is effective through Jan. 31, 2020.

NEW YORK

The **Workers' Compensation Board** has released a list of providers who have voluntarily resigned their authorization to treat injured workers and perform independent medical examinations under the New York workers' compensation system.

WATCHLIST: On Feb. 8, a single payer health care bill was introduced in the New York State Legislature. **A.5248/S.3577** would enact the "New York Health Act" and includes a workers' compensation component. The bill, which is currently in committee, was introduced by the Assembly and Senate Health Committee Chairs. The bill provides that, no later than two years after the effective date, the Board of the New York Health Act "shall develop a proposal for New York Health coverage of health care services covered under the workers' compensation law, including whether and how to continue funding for those services under that law and whether and how to incorporate an element of experience rating."

OHIO

The **Bureau of Workers' Compensation** has made changes to the Inpatient Reimbursement Rule. The changes became effective Feb. 1.



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