NCOIL Adopts Workers’ Compensation Drug Formulary Model Act

January 30, 2020

During the 2019 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, the organization adopted the NCOIL Workers’ Compensation Drug Formulary Model Act sponsored by Indiana Representative Matt Lehman, 2020 NCOIL President.

The initial discussion draft of the Model was based on Indiana SB 369, which Rep. Lehman sponsored and was signed into law in March 2018.

NCOIL Passes Resolution to Amend ERISA

April 6, 2019

The National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) passed a resolution in support of amending the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to enable state policymakers to enact more meaningful state healthcare reforms at the 2019 NCOIL Spring Meeting in Nashville, TN. The resolution was sponsored by New York Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, NCOIL Secretary, and Utah Representative Jim Dunnigan.

NCOIL Business Transfer Model Could Apply to Life, Health and Annuity Business

December 2, 2019

Members of the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) are planning to discuss an Insurance Business Transfer Model Act draft on Dec. 12 in Austin, Texas, at NCOIL’s annual meeting.

The new business transfer model draft would let one insurer pass a block on to another insurer, after an independent expert assessed the possible effects of the deal, the insurer’s state insurance regulator approved the deal, and a court approved the deal.

The NCOIL draft sponsors are New York Assemblyman Andrew Garbarino and Oklahoma State Rep Lewis Moore.

State Lawmakers Converge on Washington

September 26, 2019

The National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) says its members met about two dozen members of Congress at a Washington fly-in this week.

The fly-in participants also met with about 35 congressional aides.


One of NCOIL’s current legislative priorities is changing the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1975 (ERISA). NCOIL members want to add a statutory waiver provision that will let state balance billing rules apply to self-insured health plans as well as to insured plans.

Advocates Push Model Law for Private Flood

October 28, 2019

Tom Considine, executive director of the National Council of Insurance Legislators, said he expects an amended version of the model flood insurance act to be considered during the organization’s annual meeting in Austin Dec. 10-13.

Considine said most states do not allow private flood insurance to be sold as an admitted product, meaning consumers aren’t protected by state regulations governing details such as policy forms, rate approvals, and claims handling.

He said a model law would provide a “regulatory framework” that might make the private flood market more attractive to reinsurers, making it easier for carriers to take on flood risks.