California Democrat to Lead Insurance Legislator Group
November 29, 2021
Members of the National Council of Insurance Legislators have picked Democrats to hold the group’s two top officer slots in the coming year. California Assemblyman Ken Cooley, D-Rancho Cordova, succeeded Indiana Rep. Matt Lehman, R-Berne, as NCOIL’s 2021-2022 president last week, at the group’s annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. New York Assemblymember Kevin Cahill, D-Kingston, succeeded Cooley as NCOIL’s vice president. The new NCOIL treasurer is Texas Rep. Tom Oliverson, R-Houston, and the new secretary is Arkansas Rep. Deborah Ferguson, D-West Memphis.

NCOIL Adopts 3 New Health Model Laws During Annual Meeting
December 1, 2021
Manasquan, NJ: During the recently concluded 2021 National Council of Insurance Legislators Annual National Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, NCOIL adopted three new NCOIL Model Laws. The Models were first passed via voice vote by the group’s Health Insurance and Long-Term Care Issues Committee (Committee), Chaired by NY Asw. Pam Hunter, then adopted without dissent by the NCOIL Executive Committee.

NCOIL committee adopts resolutions on discrimination in underwriting
July 23, 2021
The National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Special Committee on Race in Insurance Underwriting has announced that it adopted three resolutions on the topic on June 15 during the NCOIL Summer Meeting in Boston. The committee, which was formed in September last year, is chaired by New York state senator Neil Breslin. The resolutions, sponsored by Breslin and Indiana representative and NCOIL president Matt Lehman, were unanimously adopted by the committee.

State lawmakers and health insurers spar over patient drug copays
October 29, 2021
State insurance lawmakers are considering an attack on one of health insurers’ defenses against rising prescription drug costs: Making patients pay part of the cost of the drugs they take. The National Council of Insurance Legislators has put a drug copayment proposal in the packet of materials for the council’s upcoming in-person meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. The meeting is set to start Nov. 17.

Telehealth Model Act, Sessions on Credit Scores, Pet Discrimination on Tap for NCOIL
November 2, 2021
A model act on telehealth and sessions on the use of insurance-based credit scores in underwriting and whether insurers should limit coverage to homeowners with certain breeds of dogs will be just a few of the issues discussed at the NCOIL 2021 Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

Bloomberg Tax
Car-Sharing Platforms in Peak Demand Become Newest Tax Target
June 8, 2021
On the regulatory front, Scott of the American Car Rental Association said the industry wants car-sharing businesses to adopt a National Council of Insurance Legislators model act that was approved last year with input from Turo and Getaround. The model act establishes minimum standards for insurance, vicarious liability, record keeping, and consumer protection.

For air medical services, memberships should be a thing of the past
April 9, 2021
Also, we are supporting, and asking insurance companies and other medical providers to do the same, the effort at the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) to regulate air medical memberships as supplemental insurance to ensure there is oversight of these products and that the patient is covered regardless of air medical service provider.