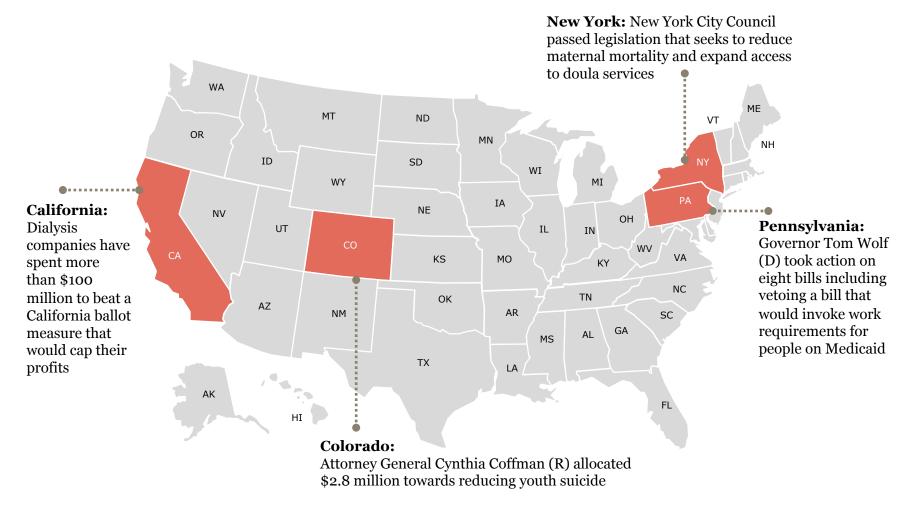
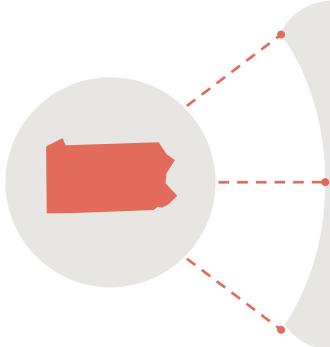
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Health care news stories from around the U.S.



Pennsylvania: Governor Tom Wolf (D) took action on hazing & work requirements bills



- Governor Wolf signed seven bills into law and vetoed one bill last week
- The seven new laws include Senate Bill 1090, an anti-hazing law that was supported by Jim and Evelyn Piazza, the parents of a Penn State student who died from hazing in February 2017
- Wolf vetoed House Bill 2138 that would have implemented work requirements for Medicaid
- Wolf said that the bill "does not promote health coverage, access and treatment. Instead, this legislation increases costs, creates unnecessary delays and confusion, penalizes individuals who need health care and terminates health coverage for those who need it most"

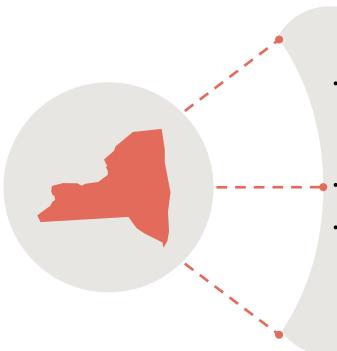
California: Dialysis companies have spent more than \$100M to beat a California ballot measure that would cap their profits



- If Proposition 8 passes, dialysis profits would be capped at 15% of the direct costs of patient care
- \$105 million has been raised to oppose the proposition, with \$70 million left to spend before midterms
- DaVita HealthCare Partners contributed \$66
 million to oppose the measure and Fresenius
 Medical contributed \$28.5 million
- With three weeks to go until the midterms, 47% of Californians support the Proposition 8, 34% oppose it and 19% are undecided

Sources: Susannah Luthi, "Dialysis cos. Dole out more than \$100M to beat Calif. ballot measure," Modern Healthcare, October 19, 2018.

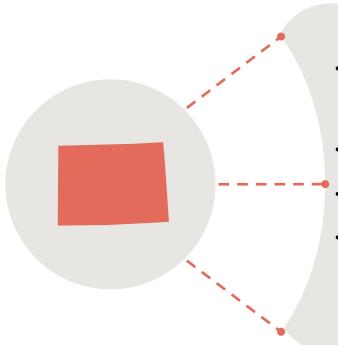
New York: NYC Council passed legislation that seeks to reduce maternal mortality and expand access to doula services



- The package includes requirements for free wipes and diapers at homeless shelters and lactation rooms for mothers who visit jails, and revises reporting procedures for maternal mortality
- The law also increases access to doulas for lowincome mothers
- Private employers with 15 or more employees will need to set up a lactation room (or get a waiver) and provide employees with a written notice on the availability of lactation rooms

Sources: Melanie Grayce West, "NYC council Boosts Benefits for Pregnant Women and New Moms," The Wall Street Journal, October 17, 2018.

Colorado: Attorney General Cynthia Coffman (R) puts \$2.8 million towards an effort to reduce youth suicide



- Attorney General Coffman has pledged \$2.8
 million to work with hospitals and nonprofit
 organizations to increase access to pediatric
 mental health treatment
- In Colorado, suicide is the leading cause of death for those aged 10 to 24
- Colorado has the ninth highest suicide rate in the country
- Children's Hospital Colorado estimates that only 21% of the 226,000 kids and teens in Colorado with diagnosable mental health conditions receive professional care

Sources: Sam Tabachnik, "Our kids are suffering': Colorado attorney general puts \$2.8M toward new effort to address youth suicide," The Denver Post, October 16, 2018.