

CSRO

COALITION OF STATE RHEUMATOLOGY ORGANIZATIONS

Town Hall

2025 State Legislative Forecast

February 10, 2024

Presentation Overview

- 2025 State Legislative Priorities
- 2024 Enacted Laws Impacting Rheumatology
- Building Strong Advocates
- Make Your Voice Heard!

2025 State Legislative Priorities

2025 State Policy Priorities

Protecting Physician Practices

- 340B Drug Pricing Program
- Prescription Drug Affordability Boards
- White Bagging

PBM Reform

- Rebate Pass Through
- Delinking

Ensuring Patient Access

- Biomarker Testing Coverage

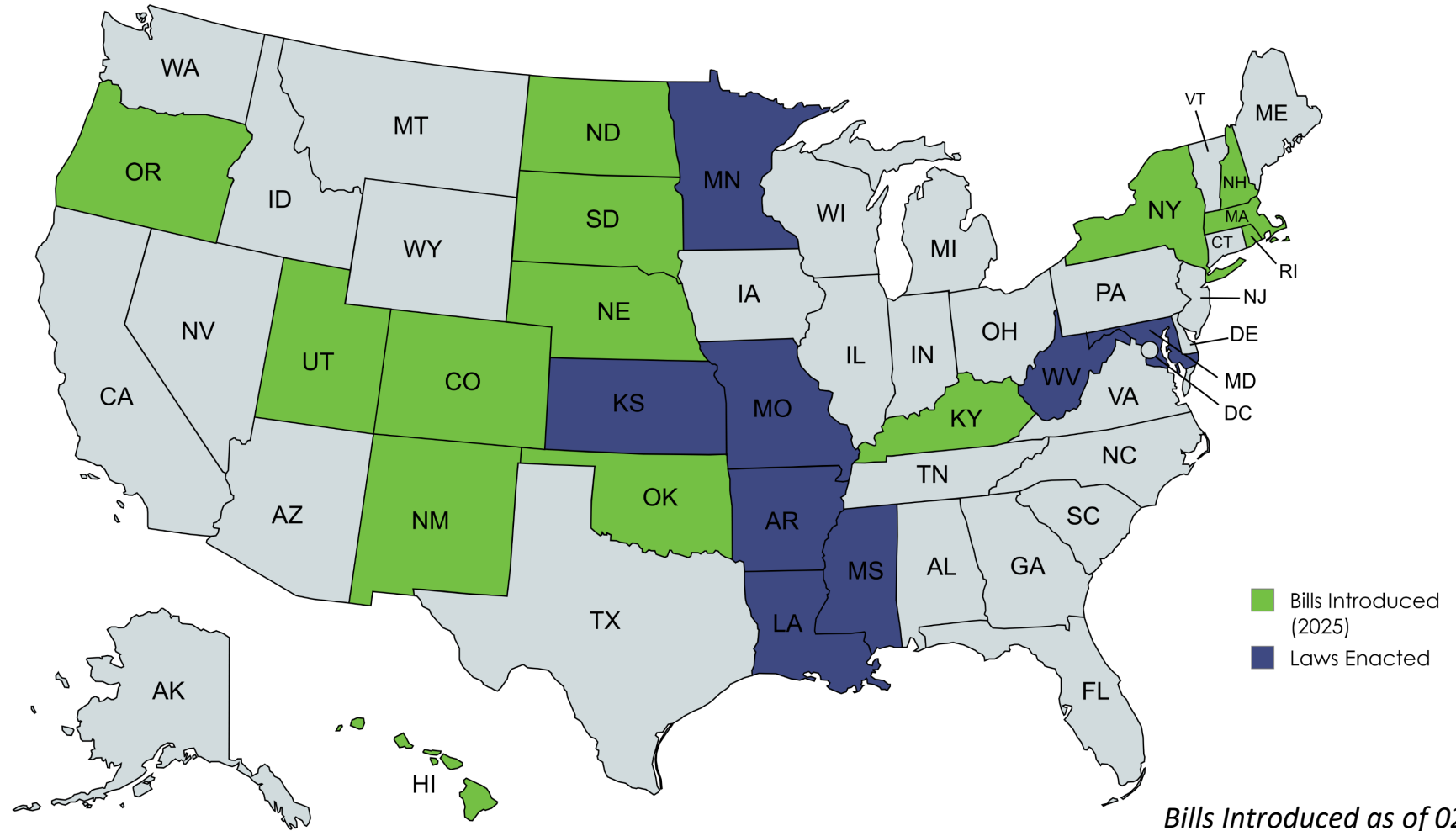
Utilization Management Reform

- Alternative Funding Programs
- Maximizer Programs
- Copay Accumulator Adjustment Programs
- Step Therapy
- Prior Authorization & Gold Carding
- Non-Medical Switching

Driving Engagement through Coalitions



340B Drug Pricing Program



340B: Impact on Rheumatology

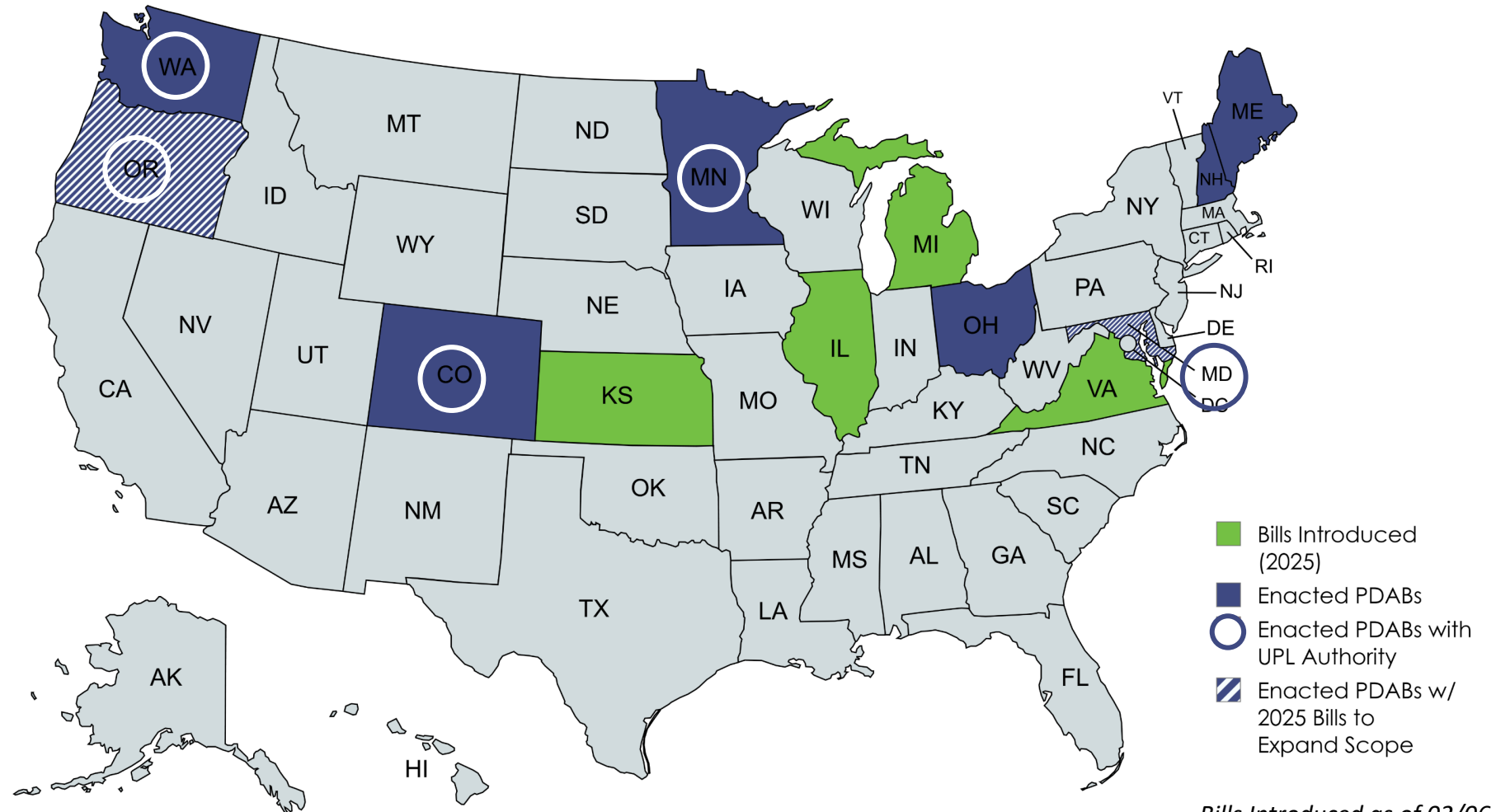
- Drives healthcare consolidation, threatening viability of private rheumatology practices
- 340B hospitals and their off-campus facilities receive a 20-50% discount on provider administered medications
- Large 340B hospitals responsible for approximately 80% of hospital acquisitions (2016-2022)

Price markups at
340B eligible hospitals
were over

6x

higher in
independent physician
practices.

Prescription Drug Affordability Boards



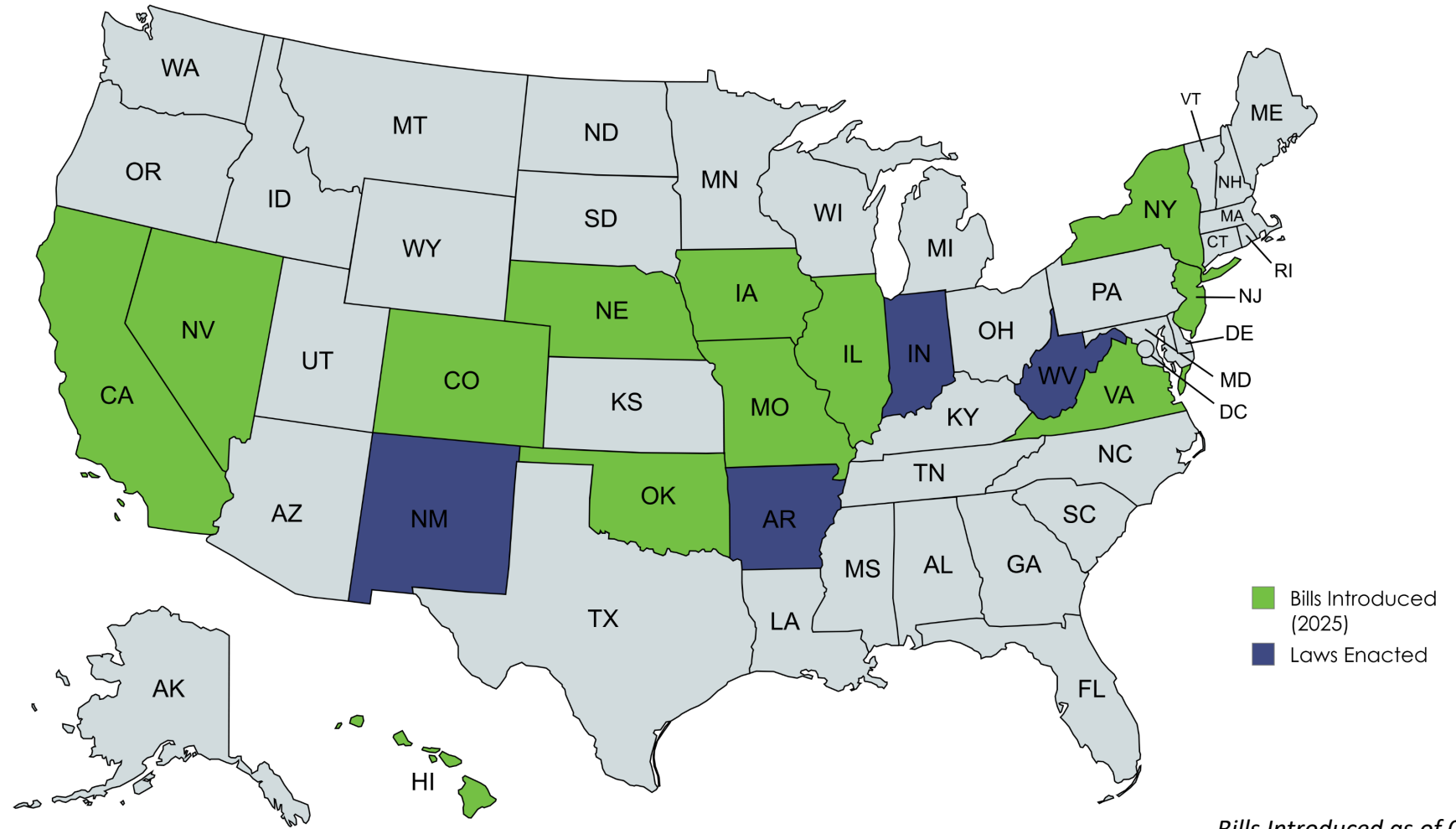
Bills Introduced as of 02/06/2025

PDAB UPL: Impact on Rheumatology

- Drugs administered directly to patients will not be reimbursed above the Board determined UPL
- Unable to mark up above the UPL to account for acquisition costs
- Greater pressure on private practices
- Potential utilization management tool



Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform



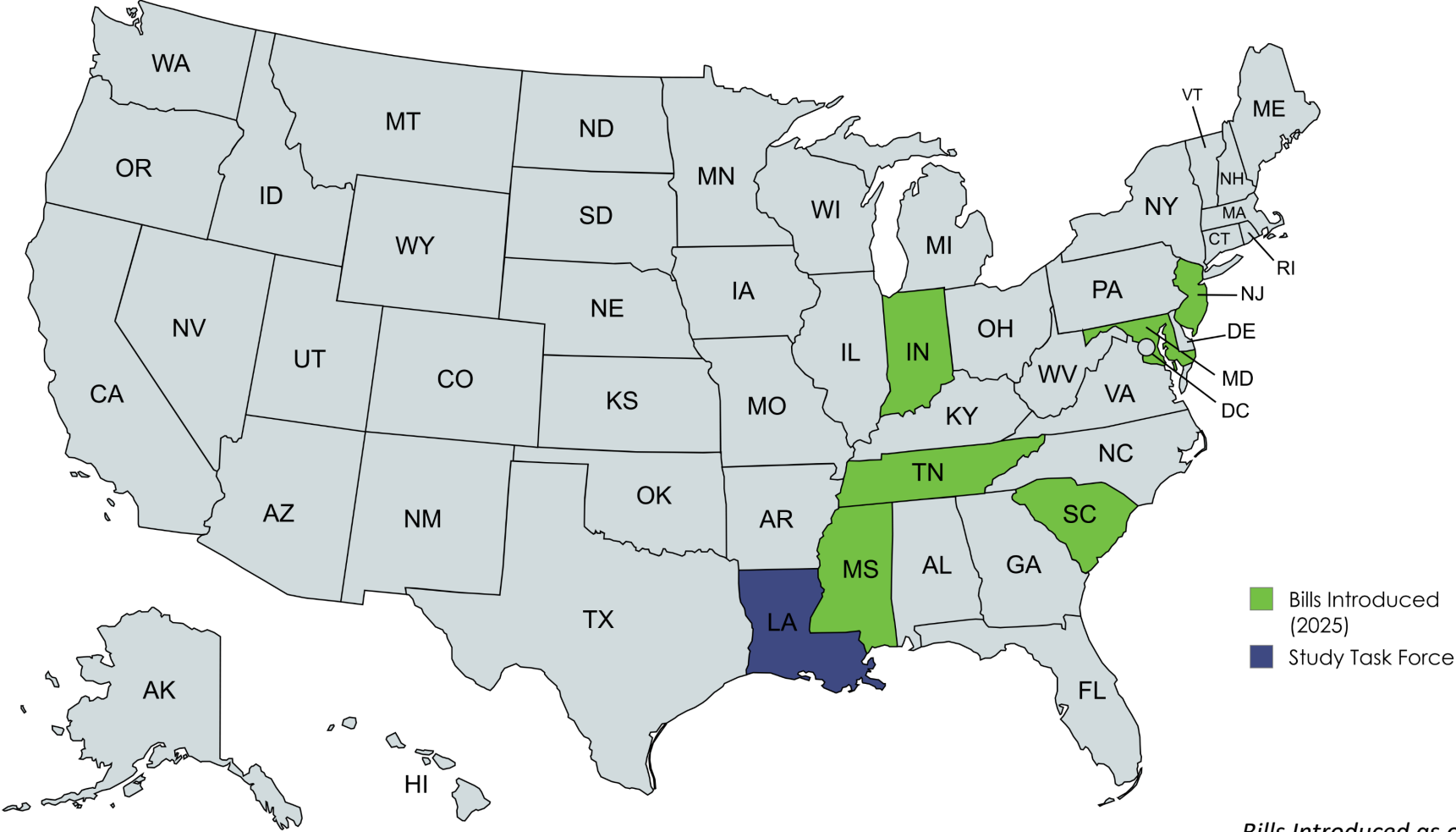
Bills Introduced as of 02/06/2025

PBM Reform

- Rebate Pass Through
- Transparency
- Registration
- Reporting
- Delinking (Colorado)
- ATAP/PBM Coalition/PPP

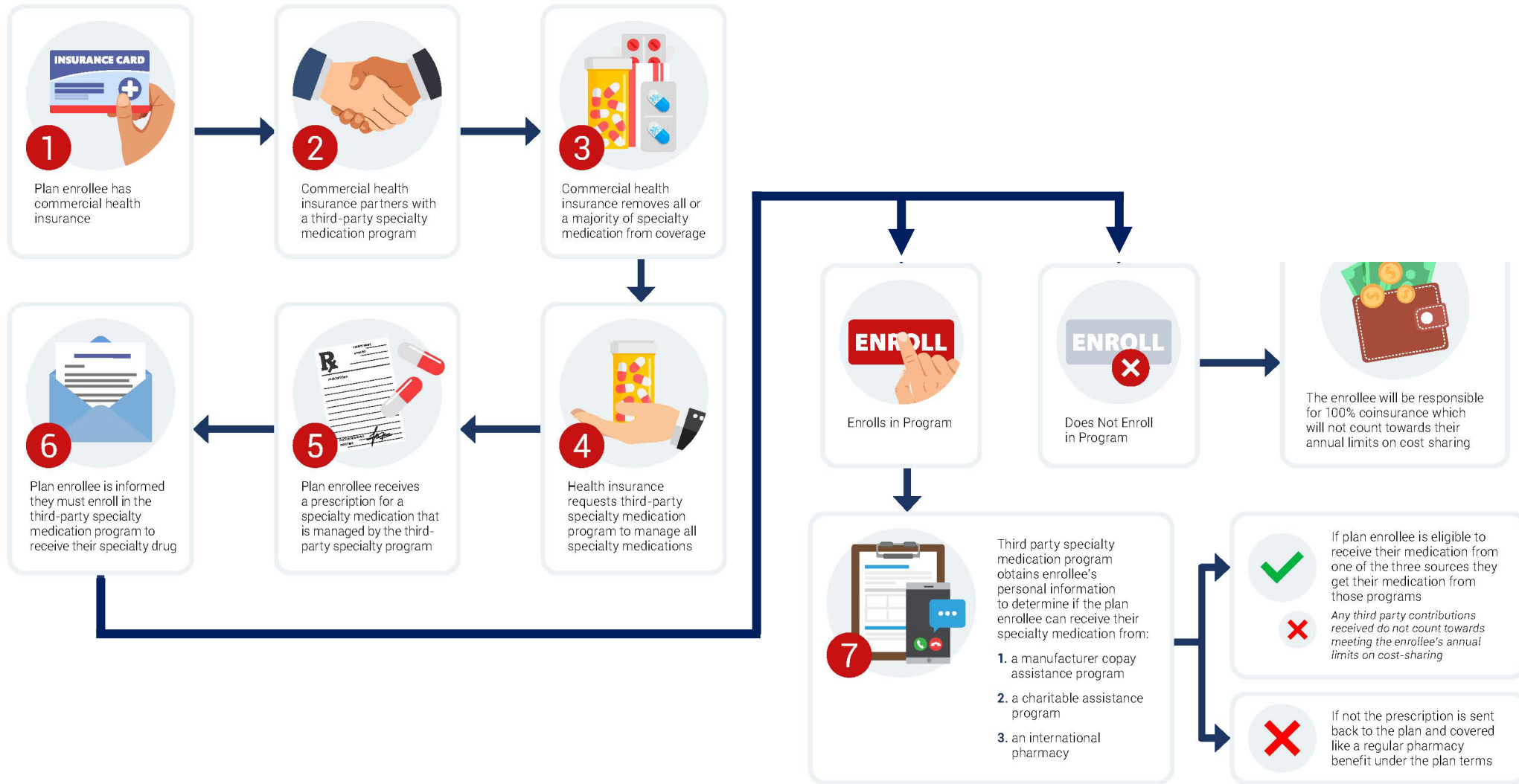


Alternative Funding & Maximizer Programs



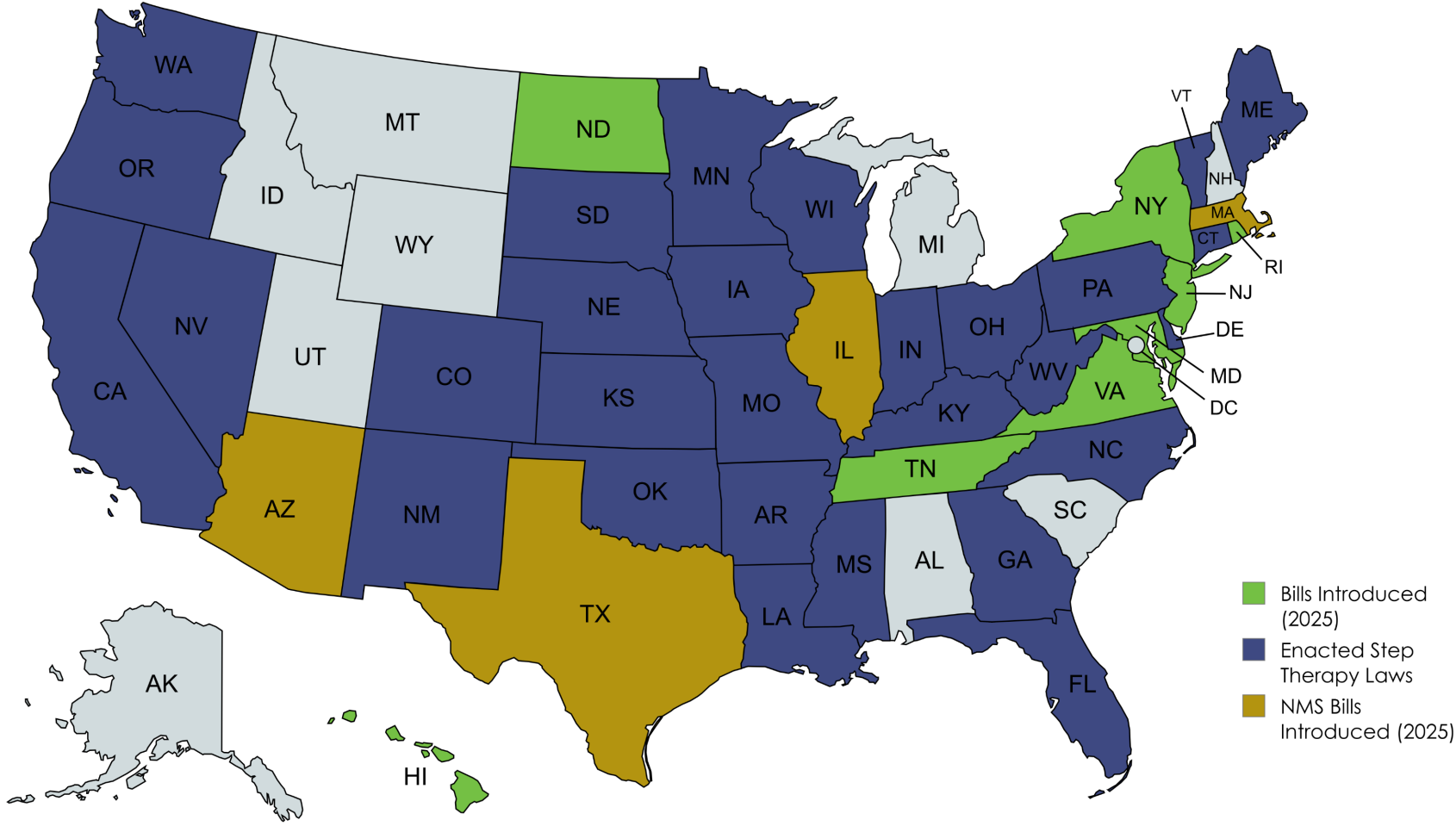
Bills Introduced as of 02/06/2025

ALTERNATIVE FUNDING PROGRAMS



Courtesy of the Aimed Alliance

Step Therapy & Non-Medical Switching



Bills Introduced as of 02/06/2025

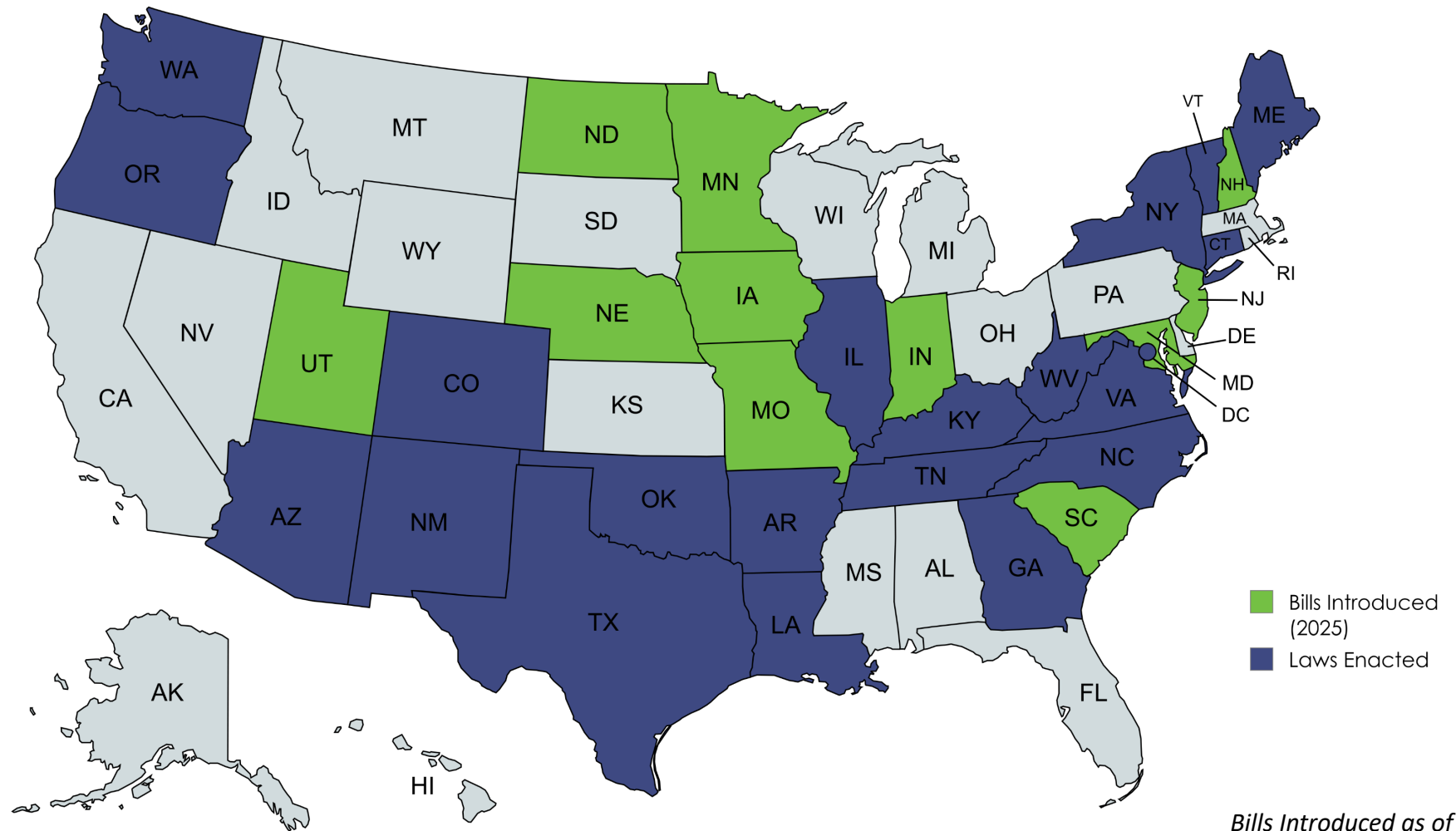
Step Therapy

- SAIM Coalition
- Exemptions (guardrails)
- Is Step Therapy Working?
 - TN Legislation
- Map Tool

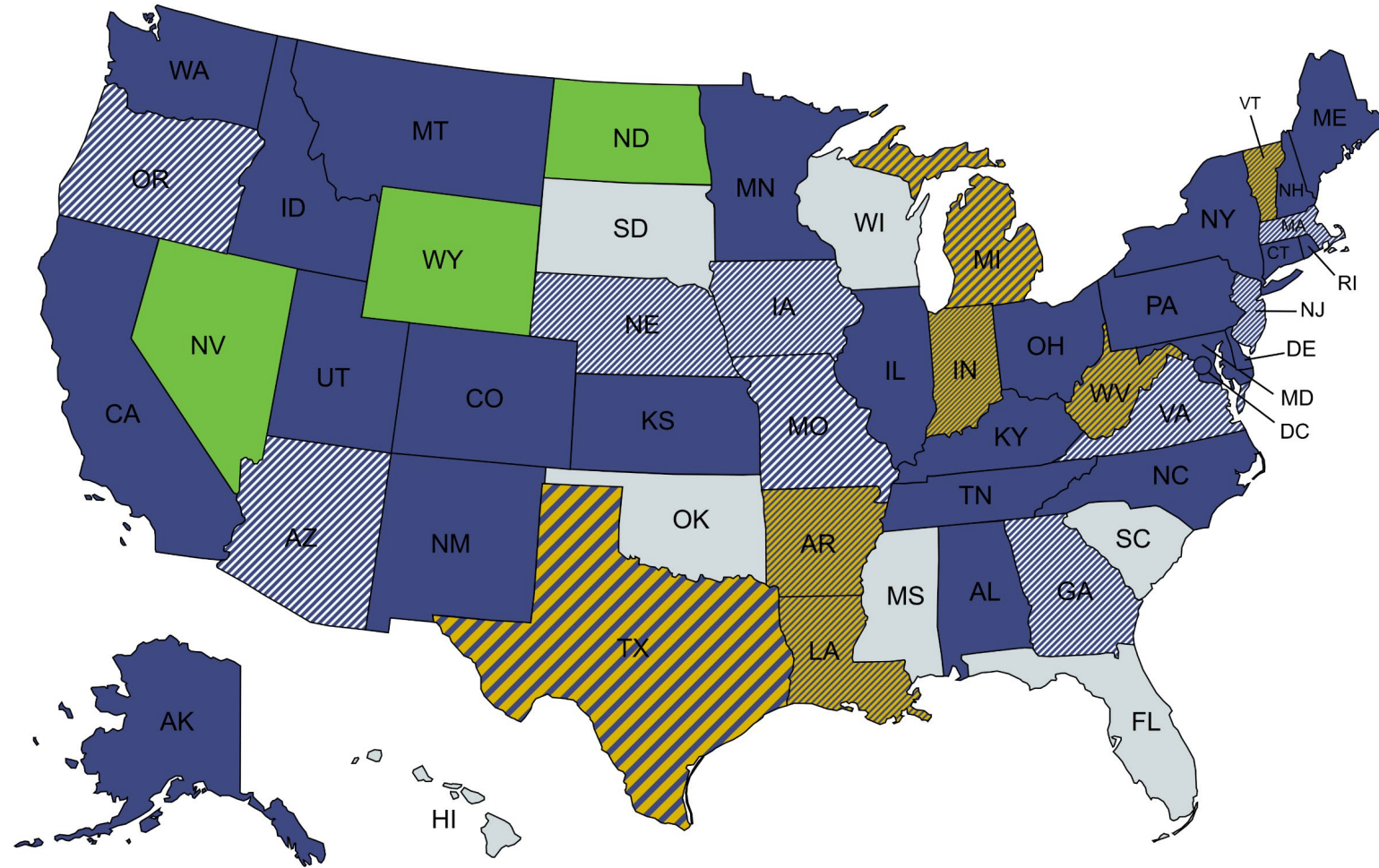
Non-Medical Switching

- 60 days
- Within the Plan year
- Year over year

Copay Accumulator Adjustment Programs

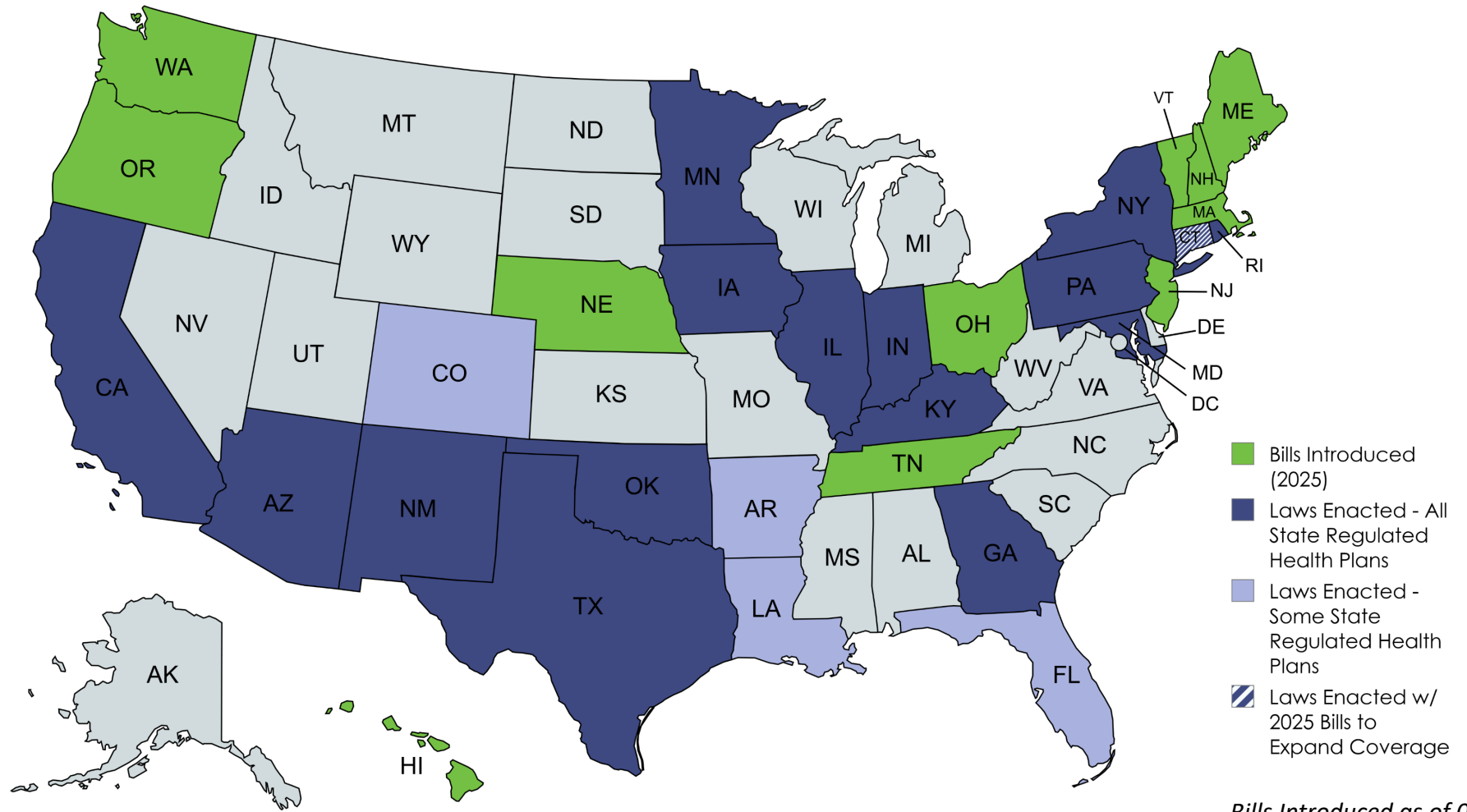


Prior Authorization & Gold Carding

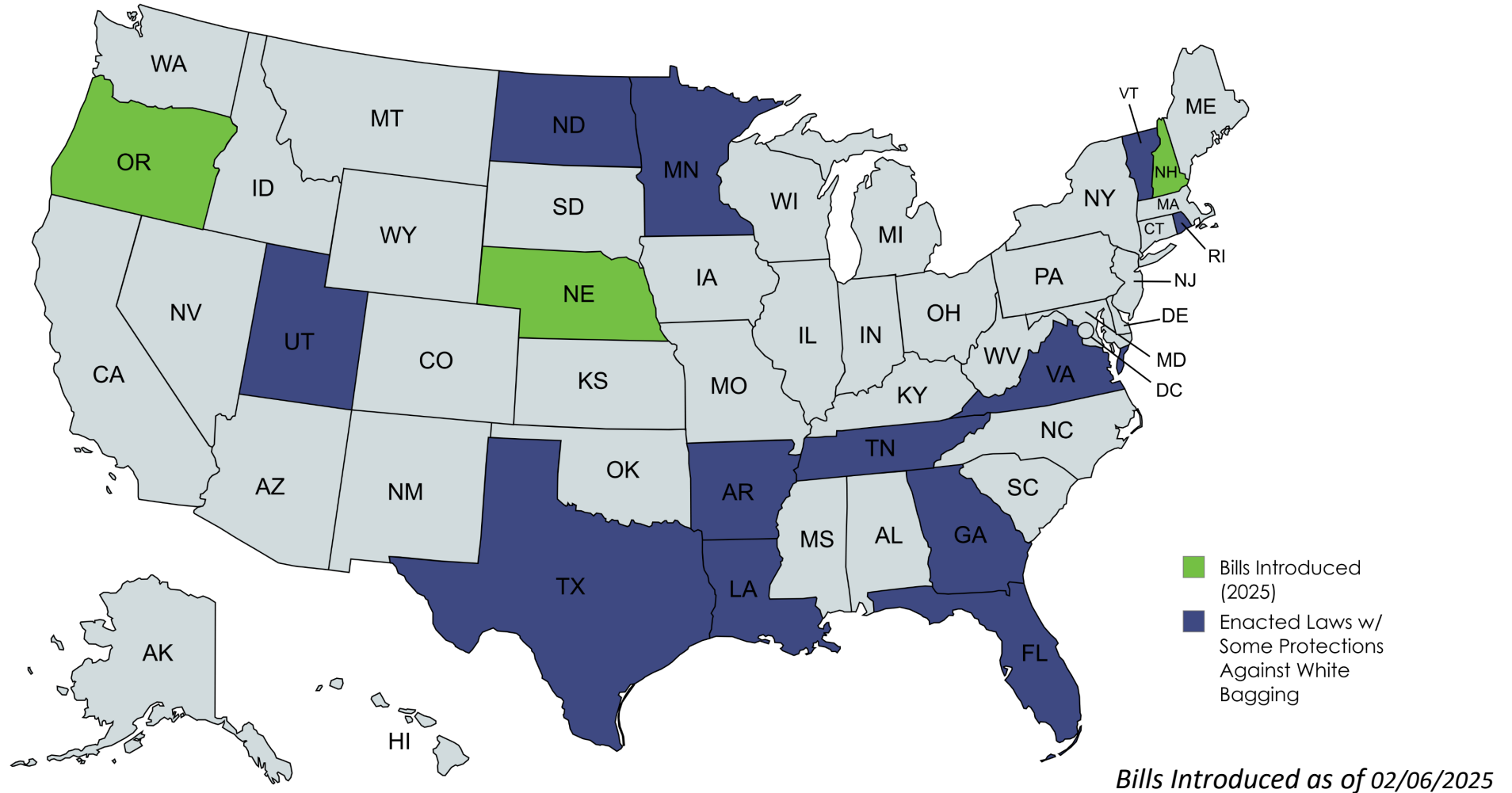


as of 02/06/2025

Biomarker Testing Coverage



White Bagging



2024 Enacted Laws Impacting Rheumatology

Alternative Funding Programs

Louisiana (Task Force)

Prior Authorization

Maryland
New Mexico

Gold Carding

Colorado
Wyoming

Biomarker Testing Coverage

Colorado (limited)	Indiana
Connecticut (limited)	Iowa
Florida	Pennsylvania

Copay Accumulator Adjustment Program Ban

Oregon

White Bagging

Kentucky
Rhode Island

Non-Medical Switching

Iowa

Step Therapy

Illinois	Vermont
New Mexico	Wyoming
New York	

Legislative Map Tool



Using the Map

1. Find Your State

Click on your state to view a listing of current or proposed legislation in your area. To review Federal issues, click the "US" icon.

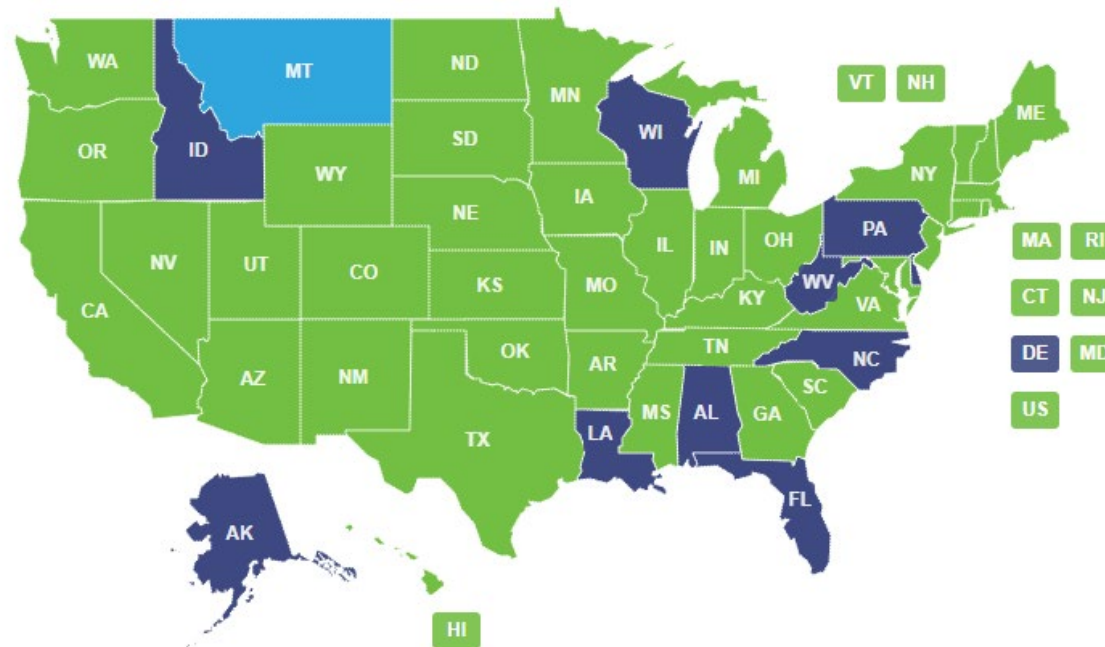
2. Select an Issue

Learn about the utilization management reform laws in your state and find resources to help you better understand the policy.

3. Get Involved

[Contact CSRO](#) for additional resources and to learn about ways you can take action to make an impact on legislation in your state.

■ No Legislation ■ Enacted ■ Active



Make Your Voice Heard!

CSRO Action Center

Action Center

Welcome to the CSRO Action Center

With so many concerns to track, legislators rely on you to raise the profile of pressing issues. This page houses CSRO's engagement platform, which allows you to communicate directly with your legislators. Advocacy is important, but we are also mindful of your time. Our tool allows you to participate in grassroots advocacy with minimal time expenditure.



Federal – Eliminate the 2.83% Cut to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

Contact your members of Congress and urge them to cosponsor and support the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act (H.R. 879), which would eliminate the 2.83% cut to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, which went into effect on January 1. It would...



New Jersey – Support Step Therapy Reform

Contact your state legislators and urge them to support A.1825/S.3533, which would protect patients from excessive step therapy by creating an exceptions process that would allow patients to appeal step therapy protocols in cases where they are clearly inappropriate...

View Your Election Center

Enter your address to view voting resources and your officials & candidates

ZIP Code



Sign Up for Alerts

Enter your information below to sign up.

Enter Email

ZIP Code



Find Legislation

View and search for legislation.

Enter Keywords



Engagement Opportunities

- State Advocacy Days
- Meet with your elected officials
- Testify before Committee
- Author op-eds
- Invite elected officials to your office



Building Strong Advocates

CSRO Advocacy Grants

- What are they?
- How do you apply?
- Examples:
 - Capitol Day
 - Advocacy Training
 - Website
 - Conference Fees



North Carolina Rheumatology Association
Advocacy Day

State Medical Societies

- Why are they important?
- How do they impact your state rheumatology organization?
- How should you be interacting with them?
 - Specialty committees/counsels
 - Inviting them to your annual state meetings
 - Membership
 - Board representative
- How can CSRO help?

340B Drug Pricing Program: Exploring the Impact on Rheumatologists

Monday, March 10, 2025

4pm PT / 5pm MT / 6pm CT / 7pm ET



Madelaine Feldman, MD
*Vice President of
Advocacy & Government
Affairs*



Amanda Krzepicki
*Autoimmune
Association*



Jenny Goins
*National Alliance of
Healthcare Purchaser
Coalitions*



Thomas Johnson
ASAP 340B

CSRO Advocacy Conference

SAVE THE DATE

September 12-14, 2025

Dallas, Texas



Meet with the CSRO State Policy Team



Jessica Frasco
*Federal & State Drugs
and Biologics Policy*



Kevin Daley
*State Government
Affairs*

Meet with the CSRO Policy Team

