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Ohio	3/21/2005	HB 67, Section 4121.48 BWC SafetyGRANTS	Long Term Care	Established a loan program through the Bureau of Workers' Compensation to provide assistance to extended-care facilities to help reduce CTDs in the workplace. The loan may be used to enhance the safe patient handling program.
New York	10/18/2005	Chapter 738. Safe Patient Handling Demonstration Project	Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Licensed Home Health Agencies	Established a 2-year pilot program (which was renewed in 2007, 2009, and 2011) to address safe patient handling programs. Participation is by application with support provided by New York State Department of Health.
Texas	1/01/2006	Senate Bill 1525 Chapter 256. Safe Patient Handling and Movement Practices	Hospitals and Nursing Homes	The legislation is presented in a 2-page code that requires implementation of a policy and process, analysis of ergonomic risk, education of nurses, evaluation of ways to reduce risk, restriction of manual handling, annual report to the nurse staffing committee, refusal procedure, annual report to the governing body, and integration of SPH design considerations into construction or remodeling plans.
Rhode Island	7/07/2006	S2760 & H7386, Safe Patient Handling Act of 2006	Licensed Healthcare Facilities	Required licensed healthcare facilities to have a safe patient handling policy in place by 1/1/2007 and full implementation of safe lift policies by 7/1/2007. Requires a safe patient handling committee with composition and responsibilities defined in the legislation.
Washington	3/08/2006	ESHB 1672, An Act relating to reducing injuries among patients and healthcare workers	Hospitals	Required hospitals to have a safe patient handling committee by 2/1/2007. Requires hospitals to have a safe patient handling program by 12/1/2007. By 1/30/2010 hospitals must complete acquisition of the appropriate safe patient handling equipment. The Department of Labor and Industry will complete and report evaluations of program effectiveness by

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				12/1/2010 and 12/1/2012.
Hawaii	4/24/2006	House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) No. 16	Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Licensed Home Health Agencies	Issued a resolution supporting the policies contained in the American Nurses Association's (ANA) "Handle with Care" Campaign.
Maryland	4/01/2007	SB 879, Safe Patient Handling; HB 1137, Hospitals – Safe Patient Handling	Hospitals	Requires each hospital to establish a safe patient lifting committee by 12/1/2007 and a safe patient lifting policy by 7/1/2008. The committee has composition and responsibilities defined in the legislation.
Minnesota	5/01/2007	HB 712.2, Safe Patient Handling	Hospitals, Outpatient Surgical Centers, Nursing Homes	Required facilities to develop a written safe patient handling policy and establish a safe patient handling committee by 7/1/2008 and establishing the facility's plan by 1/1/2011. Establishes a safe patient handling grant program.
New Jersey	1/03/2008	Safe Patient Handling Act, P.L. 2007, Chapter 225, S.1758	Licensed General or Special Hospitals or Nursing Homes	Required a safe patient handling committee by 1/03/2009. Required safe patient handling programs to be implemented by 1/03/2011. Required the development of rules and regulations by the Commission of health and senior services to carry out the purposes of the act. These were published on 9/06/2011. These rules are more detailed than the act.
Illinois	1/1/2010 then 7/14/2011	Public Act 096-0398 and then Public Act 097-0122 Amending The Hospital Licensing Act Sec. 6.25. Safe Patient Policy	Hospitals	Amendments to the Hospital Licensing Act relating to safe patient handling policies introducing language that: sets forth definitions for safe lifting equipment, accessories, and safe lifting team; makes changes to the provision concerning the minimum requirements regarding strategies to control the risk of injuries to patients, nurses, and other health care workers associated with the lifting, transferring, repositioning, and/or movement of a patient.

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California	10/7/2011	AB 1136. Hospital Patient and Health Care Worker Injury Protection Act	Hospitals	Requires hospitals to develop a written safe patient handling policy by January 1/1/2013. After 1/1/2013, requires all hospitals to document each use of a manual lift. Requires employers to adopt a patient protection and health care worker back and musculoskeletal injury prevention plan as part of their injury and illness prevention program (IIPP).
Missouri	10/13/2011	19 CSR 30-20.097. Patient Handling and Movement in Hospitals	Hospitals	Requires hospitals to develop a safe patient handling and movement and committee and program. The committee has composition and responsibilities defined in the legislation. The program must consist of a written policy, patient handling hazard assessment, a process which assesses patient's needs for safe patient handling and movement equipment, educational materials for patients and their families, annual evaluation, and evidence of changes based on the annual evaluation. All employees involved in patient handling and movement must be trained and demonstrate competence. This CSR was effective 11/30/2011.