



## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Patrick Palmer, M.D., Medical Advisor

Date: November 7, 2016

RE: Input Needed for Development of Independent Review Organization (IRO) Plan-Based Audit

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) seeks input on the development of the *Independent Review Organization (IRO) Plan-Based Audit*. The plan-based audit sets the scope, methodology, selection criteria, and program area responsibilities as laid out in the medical quality review process. A copy of the proposed *Independent Review Organization (IRO) Plan-Based Audit* is available at: [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html).

The medical advisor approved an *Independent Review Organization (IRO) Plan-Based Audit* as part of the Calendar Year 2015 *Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan*, available at: [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/documents/auditplan1214.pdf](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/documents/auditplan1214.pdf).

Workers' compensation system participants can submit suggestions by email to [OMA@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:OMA@tdi.texas.gov) by 5 p.m. Central time on Monday, November 21, 2016.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Landrum at 512-804-4814 or [Mary.Landrum@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:Mary.Landrum@tdi.texas.gov).