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memo

To:	Workers' Compensation System Participants
From:	Joseph McElrath, Deputy Commissioner, Business Process
Date:	August 25, 2016
RE:	Copies of Designated Doctor Request Now Provided With Division Order

On September 1, 2016, the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will begin sending all parties a copy of the *Request For Designated Doctor (DWC Form-032)* along with the Commissioner's order for a designated doctor exam. If the ordered examination is a result of a *Presiding Officer's Directive to Order Designated Doctor Exam ("POD")*, a copy of that request will be attached.

For designated doctors and their administrative services companies, the exam order and the copy of the DWC Form-032 or POD will be faxed together to the number on the designated doctor's TXCOMP Provider profile.

These changes should streamline the process and provide a copy of the forms that DWC used to schedule the exam.

Parties must continue to provide a copy of the request to each party who did not request the designated doctor exam when submitting the request to DWC, as required by Division rule.

If you have any questions regarding this new process, please contact Mary Landrum, Director of Designated Doctor Operations at 512-804-4814 or <u>mary.landrum@tdi.texas.gov</u>.