

## INSURANCE CARRIER LETTERHEAD

### Texas Workers' Compensation Injured Employee Notification Letter for Pharmacy Closed Formulary Legacy Claims

[INSURANCE CARRIER NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[DATE]

[INJURED EMPLOYEE]

[ADDRESS]

[CARRIER CLAIM #]

You are receiving this letter because you have a workers' compensation claim(s). We have identified that you and the doctor who is treating you for your injury will be affected by the new workers' compensation pharmacy closed formulary. The purpose of notifying you and your doctor is to allow your doctor time to review your prescription(s) of [DRUG NAME(S)] before the pharmacy closed formulary applies to your claim on September 1, 2013. A review of these prescription(s) by your insurance carrier with your doctor may result in a change in your current treatment plan or prescriptions.

A [(HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL FROM OUR INSURANCE COMPANY) or a (UTILIZATION REVIEW AGENT)] is authorized by us to work with your doctor on your workers' compensation claim. Since we are beginning discussions with your doctor, this is a good opportunity for you to also discuss with your doctor how the pharmacy closed formulary affects your current workers' compensation prescriptions.

Here is some background information about the workers' compensation pharmacy closed formulary that you should know:

- Starting on September 1, 2013, the pharmacy closed formulary adopted by the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) will begin to apply to workers' compensation claims with dates of injury before September 1, 2011. These are called "legacy claims."
- The closed pharmacy formulary is a list of all prescription drugs that may be prescribed to an injured employee. Certain drugs are not recommended on this list because these drugs may not be appropriate for long term use and therefore need a review by a physician and the insurance carrier first.
- This means that after September 1, 2013, any prescription for drugs not recommended in the pharmacy closed formulary for your legacy claim will require preauthorization (or "pre-approval") from the insurance carrier before it can be dispensed.

Detailed information about the implementation of the workers' compensation pharmacy closed formulary is available on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/pharmacy/index.html>.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Thank you,

[SIGNATURE]

[title]

[phone number]

[email]

CC: [PRESCRIBING DOCTOR]