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Memorandum

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants
From: Donald Patrick, M.D., J.D., Medical Advisor
Date: December 21, 2012
Subject: TDI-DWC Finalizes the Medical Quality Review CY 2013 Annual Audit Plan

On November 5, 2012 the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) solicited and received input from workers' compensation system participants. All comments were carefully considered and discussed. The Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Rod Bordelon approved the proposed Calendar Year (CY) 2013 Annual Audit Plan (Annual Plan) on December 21, 2012.

Some of the comments received are regarding the specific criteria for each individual plan based audit. The Annual Plan sets the priorities for what types of audits the Medical Quality Review Panel (MGRP) will focus on for the next year as laid out in Section IV of the Annual Plan. At a future date, the TDI-DWC will obtain stakeholder input on the development of each individual plan-based audit proposal for categories within the Annual Plan. At that time the TDI-DWC will post a plan-based audit that includes:

- inclusion and exclusion criteria;
- service time frame to be audited;
- sample size; and
- subject and case file selection.

All medical quality reviews initiated on or after January 1, 2013 will be performed in accordance with the approved medical quality review process (Process). The Process and Annual Plan, including any changes, are posted on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html>.

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