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Memorandum

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

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Subject: Information for Treating Doctors Regarding Causation Analysis

DWC has created new training materials for treating doctors to help them understand the role of a causation analysis in resolving a dispute, and to educate them on what information is most helpful in these analyses. The new materials for treating doctors include a:

- seven minute educational video;
- sample treating doctor report;
- summary of best practices for preparing analyses; and,
- other resources for treating doctors.

Injured employees may need injury causation analyses from their treating doctors when there is a dispute. A treating doctor may be asked to provide a report that explains how and why the claimed accident or injury was a substantial factor in causing the work-related injury or illness within a reasonable degree of medical probability.

The materials and video are available on the agency's website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/causation.html . For additional information, contact Emily McCoy, Assistant General Counsel, at 512-804-4040.