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Memorandum

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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Jeff Carothers, Director of the Office of Workers' Compensation Counsel

Subject: Adoption: Amendments to 28 TAC §§133.2, 133.240, 133.250, 133.270, 133.305, Regarding General Medical Provisions, and 28 TAC §134.600, Regarding Preauthorization, Concurrent Utilization Review, and Voluntary Certification of Health Care

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is adopting amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§133.2, 133.240, 133.250, 133.270, 133.305, regarding General Medical Provisions, and 28 TAC §134.600, regarding Preauthorization, Concurrent Utilization Review, and Voluntary Certification of Health Care. These amendments were proposed in the December 30, 2011 issue of the *Texas Register*. The adoption order for these amendments will publish in the April 6, 2012 issue of the *Texas Register* and may be viewed on the Secretary of State website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml> at that time. A courtesy copy of the adoption is currently available on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/adopted/index.html>.

The purpose of these amendments is primarily to harmonize these rules with other TDI-DWC rules, current agency policy or other certain provisions of Chapters 1305 and 4201, Insurance Code. Most of these changes were previously proposed in the TDI-DWC's withdrawn proposal published on July 29, 2011. The TDI-DWC published its withdrawal of that proposal in the December 16, 2011 issue of the *Texas Register*.

With the adoption of these amendments, which include paper explanation of benefits requirements, the TDI-DWC will eliminate the DWC Form-062, *Explanation of Benefits*, on the effective date of the adopted amendments.

These adopted rules are effective on July 1, 2012.

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