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memo

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants
From: Patrick Palmer, M.D., Medical Advisor
Date: January 2, 2018
RE: DWC Finalizes the Medical Quality Review CY 2018 Annual Audit Plan

On November 20, 2017 the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) solicited input from workers' compensation system participants regarding two potential categories for the CY 2018 Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan (Annual Plan). As no input was received, the Commissioner of Workers' Compensation W. Ryan Brannan approved the CY 2018 Annual Audit Plan on December 27, 2017 as proposed.

The Annual Plan sets priorities for the types of audits the Medical Quality Review Panel (MQRP) will initiate during the year as laid out in Section IV of Annual Plan. At a future date, DWC will obtain stakeholder input on the development of each individual plan-based audit proposal for categories within the Annual Plan. At that time DWC will post a plan-based audit that includes:

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

All medical quality reviews initiated on or after January 1, 2018 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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