



## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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# memo

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

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RE: TDI-DWC Finalizes the Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit

On September 19, 2017, The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) solicited and received constructive input from workers' compensation system participants on the proposed *Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit* (Plan-Based Audit). TDI-DWC appreciates the input provided by system participants. All comments were carefully considered and discussed. The Commissioner of Workers' Compensation W. Ryan Brannan, approved the Plan-Based Audit on November 2, 2017.

All medical quality reviews initiated on or after January 1, 2017, will follow the approved Medical Quality Review Process (Process) in effect. The Process and Plan-Based Audit are posted on the TDI website at: [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html).

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