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memo

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Patrick Palmer, M.D., Medical Advisor

Date: September 19, 2017

RE: Input Needed for Development of Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) seeks input on the development of a *Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit* (Plan-Based Audit) to review the quality of designated doctor reports and the necessity of additional testing and/or referrals ordered by the designated doctors to resolve the issue in question. The Plan-Based Audit sets the scope, methodology, selection criteria, and program area responsibilities as laid out in the Medical Quality Review Process. A copy of the proposed *Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit* is available on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html.

The Medical Advisor approved a *Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit* plan as part of the CY 2017 *Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan*, which is available on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/documents/auditplan17.pdf.

Workers' compensation system participants can submit suggestions for this Plan-Based Audit by email to OMA@tdi.texas.gov by 5:00 p.m. Central time on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, contact Mary Landrum at 512-804-4814 or Mary.Landrum@tdi.texas.gov.