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memo

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Emily McCoy, Associate General Counsel, Division of Workers' Compensation

Date: September 23, 2016

RE: Comment period extended for attorney fee rule proposal and proposed form revisions

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is extending the comment period for the following four projects:

- Rule proposal: Repeal and Re-enact 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §152.3, Approval or Denial of Fee by the Division, and §152.4, Guidelines for Legal Services Provided to Claimants and Carriers. New §152.6, Attorney Withdrawal.
 - The proposal was published in the August 19, 2016, issue of the *Texas Register* and is available at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.
 - A courtesy copy of the proposal is available on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2016rules.html>.
- Draft forms: Amended DWC Form-150, Notice of Representation; DWC Form-151, Attorney Application for Web Access; DWC Form-152, Application for Attorney Fees; and new DWC Form-150a, Notice of Withdrawal of Representation.
 - Original posting
memo: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/proposedrules/documents/drafeefms0816m.pdf>
 - Draft forms: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2016rules.html>
- Revisions to TDI-DWC Electronic Data Interchange Forms 01, 02, and 03.
 - Original posting memo: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/documents/drediformsm0916.pdf>
 - Draft forms: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/drafts.html>
- Amending TDI-DWC forms to remove the social security number or to request only the last four digits of the social security number.
 - Original posting memo: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/forms/documents/ssnforms0816.pdf>
 - Forms listing: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/drafts.html>

If you want to comment on the rule proposal or proposed form revisions, please submit your written comments by 5:00 p.m. Central time on October 4, 2016. **Please be Advised: Comments submitted via email between August 1 and September 19, 2016 may not have been received. You are encouraged to resubmit.**

You may submit written comments on the rule proposal by email to Rulecomments@tdi.texas.gov. The proposed revised forms are not formal rule proposals and comments received will not be treated as formal public comments for the purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act. Informal comments may be submitted by email to: InformalRuleComments@tdi.texas.gov.

Additionally, written comments for the rule proposal or proposed revised forms may be sent by mail to:

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