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memo

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants
From: Emily McCoy, Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel
Date: November 1, 2017
Re: Second Informal Posting: Amended 28 TAC §127.5, Scheduling Designated Doctor Appointments

Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is accepting comments for a second time on an informal working draft of amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §127.5, regarding scheduling designated doctor appointments. The informal working draft is available at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/drafts.html and the comment period closes on November 15, 2017 at 5 p.m. Central time. This section is part of a larger rule project, but the division is only requesting comments on §127.5 at this time.

The informal working draft is not a formal rule proposal and comments received will not be treated as formal public comments for the purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act. There will be an opportunity to formally comment once the rule is proposed and published in the *Texas Register*. Informal comments may be submitted by email to InformalRuleComments@tdi.texas.gov or by mail or delivery to:

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On August 18, 2017, TDI-DWC began accepting comments on an informal working draft of amendments to 28 TAC §§127.1, 127.5, 127.10, 127.100, 127.110, 127.130, 127.140, and 127.220. In response to comments, TDI-DWC made significant changes to 28 TAC §127.5, regarding scheduling designated doctor appointments, and would like to give system participants another opportunity to submit comments on that specific section.

The purpose of the proposed amendments to 28 TAC Chapter 127 is to simplify certain DD processes, retain and recruit doctors to continue to ensure the most optimally qualified doctor is selected for an examination, provide transparency, and allow for better monitoring of designated doctors.