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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Emily McCoy, Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Counsel

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RE: 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*.

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is accepting public comments on revisions to 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*.

The revisions to DWC Form-150 split the notice of representation and notice of withdrawal of representation into two separate forms, creating the DWC Form-150a. The new DWC Form-150a is provided as a means of compliance with the requirements of new 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §152.6, regarding attorney withdrawal. The revisions to the DWC Form-151 are non-substantive in nature and primarily amend the form for clarity and to conform to current agency style. The DWC Form-152 is amended to mirror the requirements of new 28 TAC §152.3, regarding approval or denial of fee by the division, and ensure TDI-DWC is receiving the necessary information to fulfill its statutory duty to approve attorney fees in the workers' compensation system.

If you want to comment on the forms, submit your written comments by 5:00 p.m. Central time on September 19, 2016. Send written comments by email to Rulecomments@tdi.texas.gov or by mail to:

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The draft forms are available on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2016rules.html. TDI-DWC is posting the draft forms for public comment simultaneously with the proposed repeal and re-enactment of §152.3 and §152.4, as well as new §152.6. Additional information about the proposed rules is available on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/proposedrules/documents/prafee0816m.pdf.