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**TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
TREATING DOCTOR**



Division of Workers' Compensation

# Day 2





How to become a  
**TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
TREATING DOCTOR**

# Learning Objectives

- Know the definition of doctor.
- Understand the requirement to disclose financial interests.
- Learn about a treating doctor's responsibilities.





# How to Become a Texas Workers' Compensation Treating Doctor

Division of Workers' Compensation  
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System participants are responsible for knowing and complying with the applicable sections of the [Texas Insurance Code](#) (Insurance Code), [Texas Labor Code](#) (Labor Code), and [Texas Administrative Code](#) (TAC).

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# Overview

Definitions.

Injured employee's selection of treating doctor.

Basic qualifications for treating doctors to participate in the workers' compensation system.

TXCOMP profile.



# Overview

Financial disclosure.

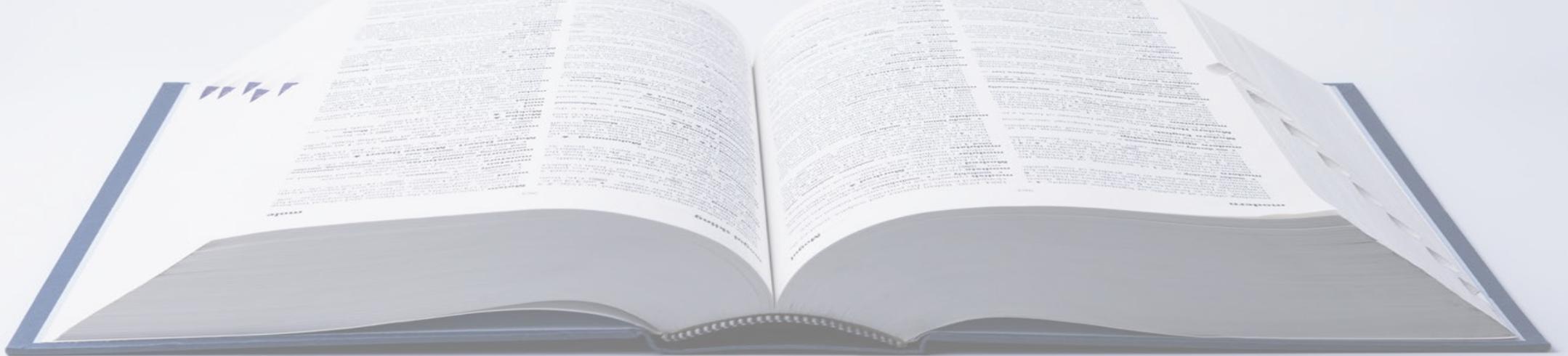
Providing treatment.

Treating doctor responsibilities.

Changing treating doctors.

# Definitions

Labor Code Sec. 401.011. General Definitions



# Definition of Health Care Provider

Labor Code Sec. 401.011 (20)-(21). General Definitions

A health care facility:

- A hospital,
- Emergency clinic, or
- Other facility providing health care.



A health care practitioner:

- An individual who is licensed to provide or render and provides or renders health care.
- A non-licensed individual who provides or renders health care under the direction or supervision of a doctor.



# Definition of Doctor

Labor Code Sec. 401.011(17). General Definitions

A doctor is a health care practitioner that is licensed as a:

- Doctor of Medicine.
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.
- Optometrist.
- Dentist.
- Podiatrist.
- Chiropractor.

# Chiropractors as Treating Doctors

Chiropractors are not restricted from serving as treating doctors.

Labor Code Sec. 413.011. Reimbursement Policies and Guidelines;  
Treatment Guidelines and Protocols



# Chiropractors as Treating Doctors - Networks

Certified workers' compensation health care networks (networks) determine the specialty or specialties of doctors that may serve as treating doctors.

(may or may not include chiropractors; it depends on the network)

[Insurance Code Sec.1305.103. Treating Doctor; Referrals](#)



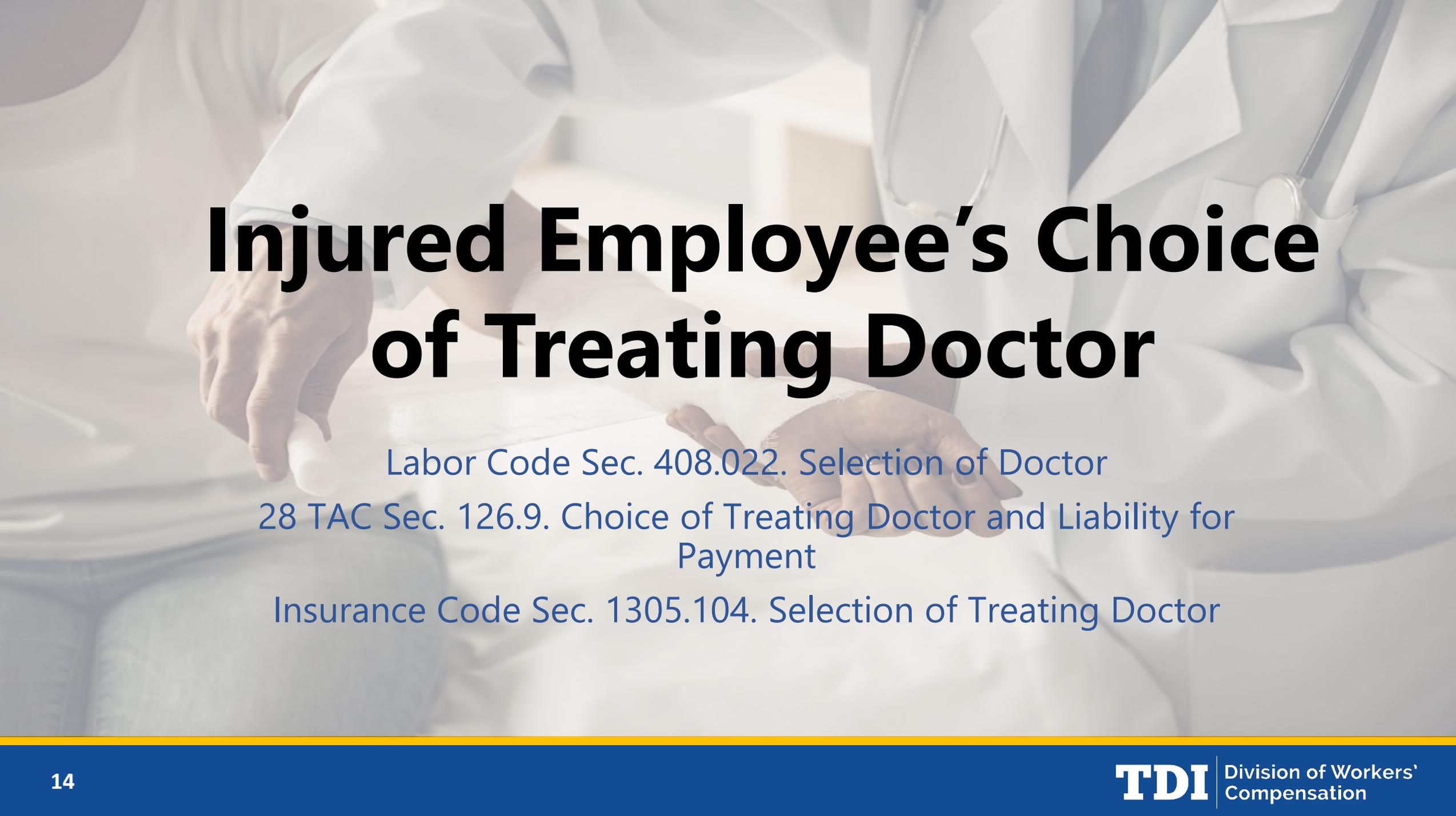
# Definition of Treating Doctor

A **treating doctor** is:

The doctor who is primarily responsible for the employee's health care for a work-related injury.

Labor Code Sec. 401.011(42). General Definitions





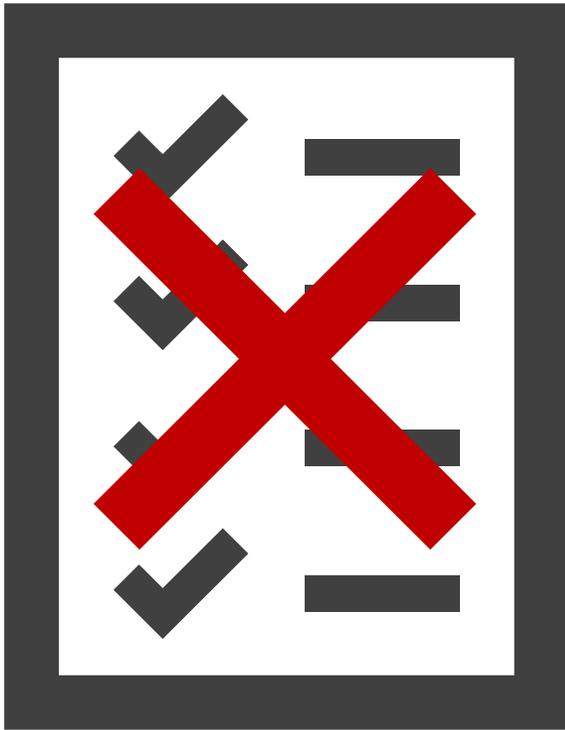
# Injured Employee's Choice of Treating Doctor

Labor Code Sec. 408.022. Selection of Doctor

28 TAC Sec. 126.9. Choice of Treating Doctor and Liability for  
Payment

Insurance Code Sec. 1305.104. Selection of Treating Doctor

# Approved Doctor's List – No Longer Exists



- The Approved Doctor's List (ADL) was discontinued on August 31, 2007.
- Doctors who were denied or removed from the former ADL still face restrictions, unless they have been reinstated.
- Doctors do not have to train or test to treat Texas injured employees.

Labor Code Sec. 408.023(k). List of Approved Doctors; Duties of Treating Doctors

# Choice of Treating Doctor Non-Network

The injured employee is entitled to their own choice of treating doctor.

28 TAC Sec. 126.9. Choice of Treating Doctor and Liability for Payment



# Choice of Treating Doctor Network

When an injured employee's claim is subject to a network:

- The injured employee is entitled to an initial choice of treating doctor from the list provided by the network.
- The treating doctor must be contracted with the network and provide services within the service area in which the injured employee lives.



# Choice of Treating Doctor

Typically, the first doctor who provides health care to the injured employee is considered the employee's initial choice.

28 TAC Sec. 126.9. Choice of Treating Doctor and Liability for Payment

# Choice of Treating Doctor

## **EXCEPTIONS**

Exceptions are doctors:

- Salaried by the employer;
- Recommended by the insurance carrier or employer, unless the injured employee continues to receive treatment from the doctor for more than 60 days; or
- That provided emergency care, unless the injured employee receives treatment from the doctor for other than follow-up care related to the emergency treatment.

# Steps to Become a Texas treating Doctor



# Become a Texas Treating Doctor

Follow the steps on the “Become a Texas workers’ compensation treating doctor checklist.”

Find it here:

[tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/documents/treating-doctor-checklist.pdf](https://tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/documents/treating-doctor-checklist.pdf)



## Become a Texas workers’ compensation treating doctor checklist

### 1. Doctor’s license.

- Doctor’s license must be in good standing with the licensing board.
- Doctor’s license must be in good standing with the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC).

### 2. TXCOMP health care practitioner profile.

- Look up whether you have a health care practitioner profile in the [DWC TXCOMP database](#).
- If you don’t have a profile, create one in [TXCOMP](#).
- If a profile exists, make sure all your information is current.
- If you need help updating your profile (forgot password or TXCOMP user ID), see “Get Help” on the [DWC TXCOMP webpage](#).

### 3. Financial disclosure is required.

- Review the fast facts on [Financial Disclosure](#).
- Report any financial disclosure information in your TXCOMP profile.

### Providing treatment for non-network injuries.

- If you have taken steps 1-3, and the injured employee’s claim is non-network, you may treat.
- Review [28 Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\) Section 180.22, Health Care Providers Roles and Responsibilities](#), for treating doctor information.
- Review [28 TAC Section 137.100, Treatment Guidelines](#), for evidence-based treatment guidelines for non-network injuries.
- Review [28 TAC Section 137.10, Return to Work Guidelines](#), for determining return-to-work criteria for non-network injuries.

# Step 1

# Licensing Requirements for a Treating Doctor



Labor Code Sec. 401.011. General Definitions

# License Requirement for Treating Doctors

Treating doctors must:

- Have an active medical license to practice in their jurisdiction;
- Disclose financial interests to DWC; and
- Have no disciplinary orders restricting participation in the workers' compensation system.



# Required Training and Testing for Doctors

## **No training and testing required to provide treatment.**

Treating doctor.

Referral doctor.

Consulting doctor.

## **Training and testing required.**

Treating or referral doctors assigning an impairment rating.

Designated doctors.

Requirement medical exam doctors.

28 TAC Secs. 180.23. Division Required Training for Doctors, 130.1. Certification of Maximum Medical Improvement and Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, and 127.100. Designated Doctor Certification.

# Step 2

# TXCOMP Profile

**Health Care Practitioners, including  
Treating Doctors**



# TXCOMP Database

- TXCOMP is a publicly-available database of health care providers and other information on the DWC website.
- Health care providers may use the TXCOMP system to verify employer coverage information and create a health care provider profile.
- System participants can search TXCOMP for health care providers, including treating doctors.



# TXCOMP

**TXCOMP** Home About TXCOMP Contact Us Log On

**Main Menu**  
Report Injury  
(Reportar una Lesión)  
Locate Covered Employer  
Locate Insurance Carrier  
Locate Health Care Practitioner  
Locate Health Care Facility  
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View DWC Services  
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**Flash News:**

**WELCOME TO TXCOMP**  
Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation  
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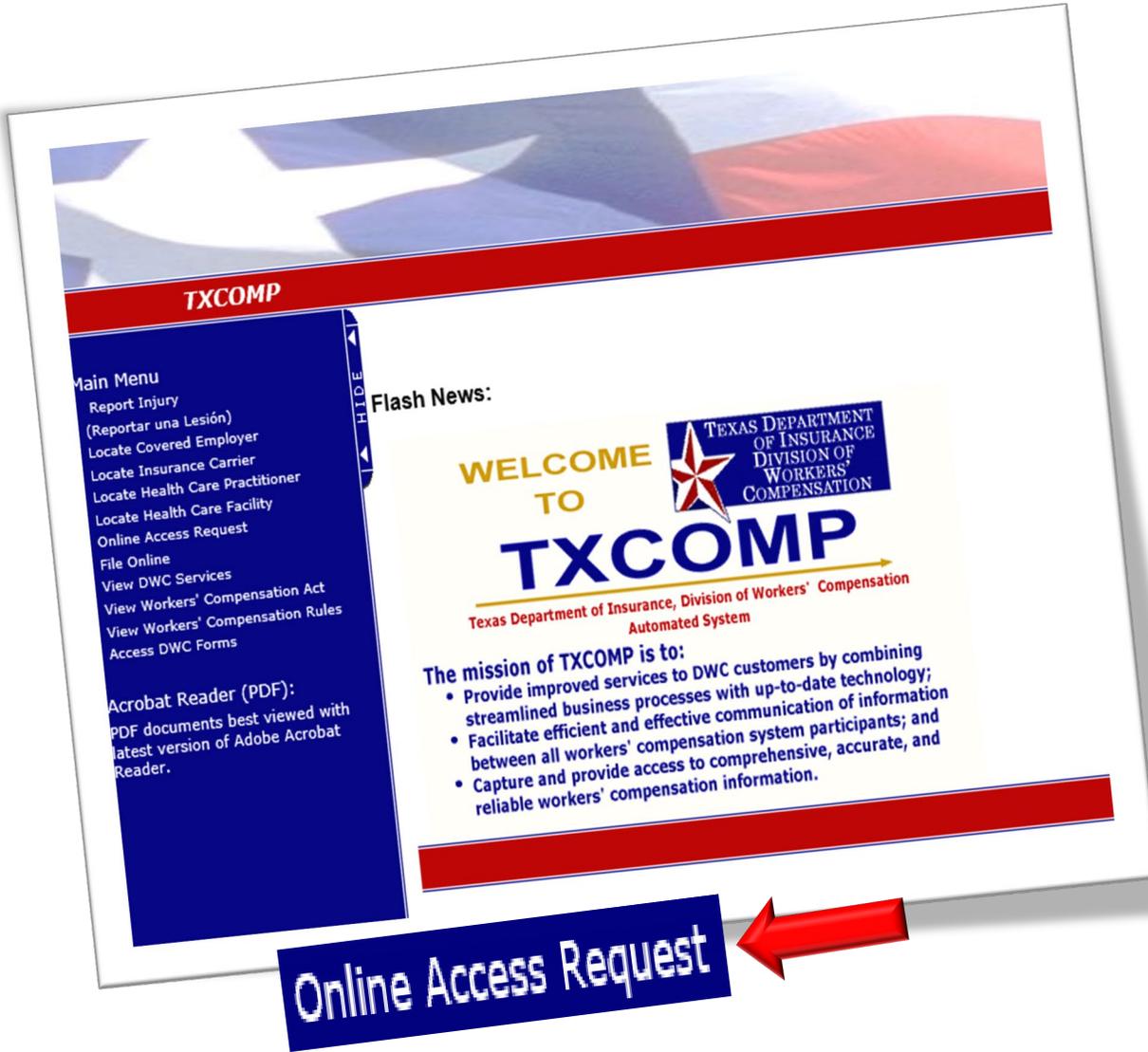
**The mission of TXCOMP is to:**

- Provide improved services to DWC customers by combining streamlined business processes with up-to-date technology;
- Facilitate efficient and effective communication of information between all workers' compensation system participants; and
- Capture and provide access to comprehensive, accurate, and reliable workers' compensation information.

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# TXCOMP Profile

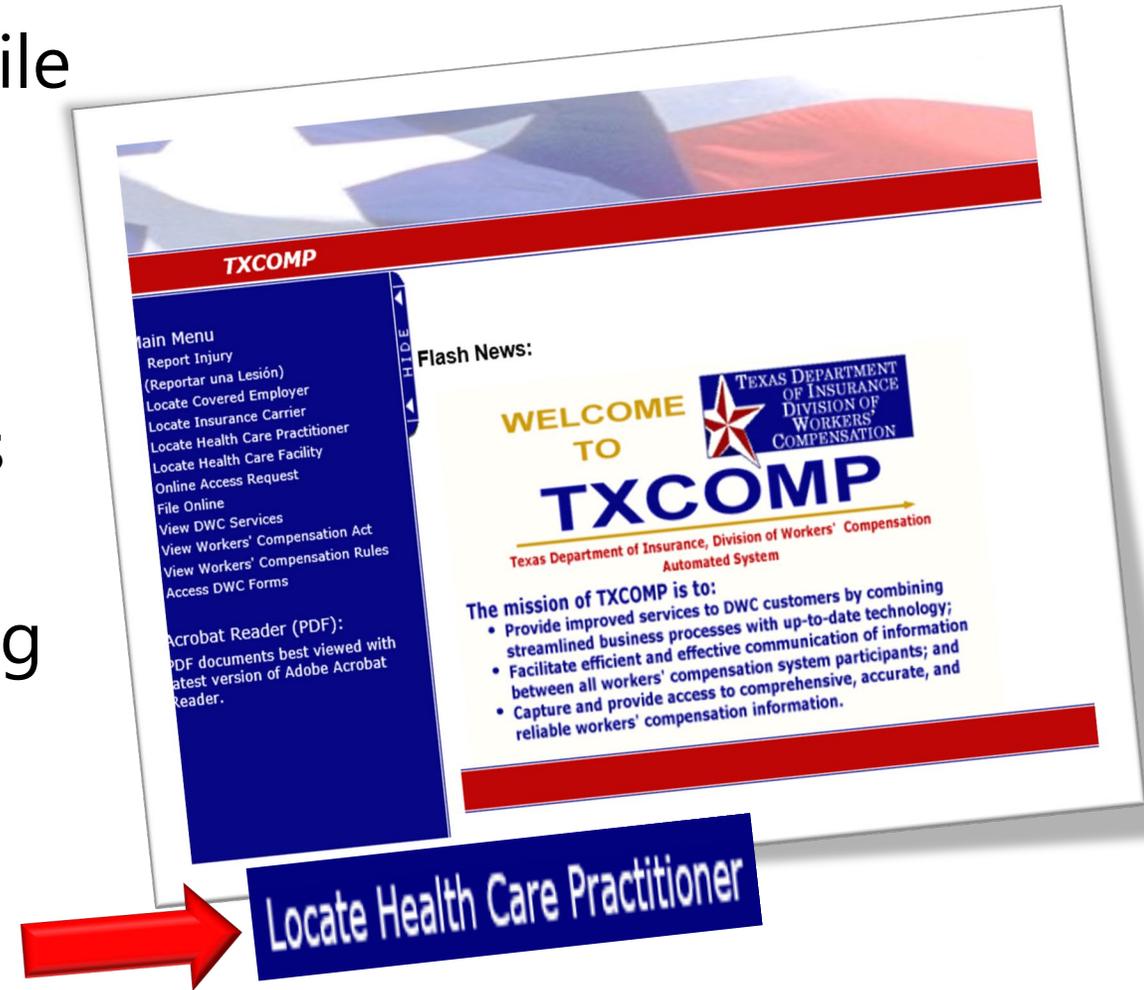
- Doctors are not required to create a TXCOMP profile, but we strongly recommend it.
- Doctors who create a profile are not obligated to treat Texas workers' compensation injured employees just because they created a profile.
- For network-contracted doctors, including those contracted with political subdivisions, check your contract on obligation to treat network claims.



# TXCOMP Profile

Health care providers that create a profile will be:

- Searchable by system participants looking for a health care provider.
- Able to disclose financial interests as required by statute and rules.
- Linked to a DWC claim as the treating doctor on record (if they are the treating doctor).



# TXCOMP

## Profile

- Check to see if the doctor has a profile already.
- If the doctor does not have a TXCOMP profile, we highly recommend that the doctor create one.
- If the doctor has a profile, make sure all the information is current.
- If you need help accessing and updating the doctor's profile, see "Get Help" on the [DWC TXCOMP webpage](#).

The screenshot shows the TXCOMP Personal Information form. The page title is "Personal Information". A sidebar on the left contains navigation links: "Online Access Request", "Confidential Agreement", "Personal Information", "Primary Contact", "Information", and "Confirmation". The main content area includes a list of required information: "Please have the following information available: Personal Identification: social security number, driver license or identification card (DD Agent Organization Administrator and Employee only); Business contact: address, phone, fax, and email address; Practitioner identification: NPI and license information (Doctor and Ancillary Practitioner only); Agent organization must be in the system (DD Agent Organization Administrator and Employee only); Financial Disclosure (Doctor and Ancillary Practitioner only)". Below this, it states "Select Continue to move to the next page. A request cannot be submitted without the required items being completed. Select Cancel to exit this request." and "Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are required." The form fields include: "Please indicate your primary role in the Texas Workers' Compensation system." (with a dropdown menu and a link to "Primary Role Definitions"), "First Name", "Middle Name", "Last Name", "Name Suffix", and "Date of Birth". There are also input fields for "Name without professional credentials" and "None." with a date format "mm/dd/yyyy". At the bottom, there are "Continue >>" and "Cancel" buttons.

# TXCOMP Profile



The screenshot shows the TDI Texas Department of Insurance website. At the top left is the TDI logo and "Texas Department of Insurance". A search bar is at the top right. Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs for "Insurance", "State Fire Marshal", and "Workers' Compensation" (which is highlighted in orange). Underneath are sub-tabs for "Home", "Injured Employees", "Empleados Lesionados", "Employers", "Health Care Providers", and "Carriers". The main content area is titled "TXCOMP Claims and Coverage Systems" and includes a "TXCOMP TUTORIALS" button. A list of services is provided under the heading "I want to:", including options like "NEW - Report coverage information for a self-insured governmental entity", "Create a profile in TXCOMP to upload documents", "Receive and respond to my designated doctor appointment offers in TXCOMP", "See my designated doctor or required medical examination appointments", "Request medical records or additional time for designated doctor reports", "Submit designated doctor or required medical examination reports", "Report a work-related injury (injured employees)", "Verify an employer's workers' compensation coverage", "Locate a workers' compensation insurance carrier's contact and claims administration information", "Locate a doctor or other health care practitioner", "Create a profile in TXCOMP to be included in the list of doctors and other health care practitioners", "Create a doctor agent profile in TXCOMP to perform workers' compensation administrative duties on behalf of a doctor", "Add or remove a doctor agent", "Report a doctor's or other health care practitioner's financial interest", "Verify a designated doctor's certification or a doctor's authorization to certify MMI and assign an impairment rating", and "Get help".

# Help with TXCOMP Profile

## Get help ▾

### 1. I forgot my TXCOMP User ID.

Email [TXCompHelp@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:TXCompHelp@tdi.texas.gov) to get your User ID.

### 2. I forgot my password.

Select Forgot Password on the TXCOMP Log On page. You will receive an email with a link to reset your password.

**Note:** The link is only good for one hour.

### 3. I selected **Forgot Password** but did not get an email to reset my password.

The email to reset your password is sent to the email address associated with your profile in TXCOMP.

Email [TXCompHelp@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:TXCompHelp@tdi.texas.gov) to get help with updating your email address.

### 4. I'm trying to log on but I'm getting a message that my user ID or password is invalid or my account is locked.

Email [TXCompHelp@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:TXCompHelp@tdi.texas.gov).

### 5. How do I get a TXCOMP profile?

If you do not have a profile in TXCOMP, see the **Create a profile in TXCOMP** section for doctors and other health care practitioners, and the **Create a doctor agent profile in TXCOMP** section on this page.

### 6. I work for a doctor and I'm trying to update the doctor's address/ report financial interest in TXCOMP, but it won't let me.

The doctor must designate you as the doctor's administrator to add or update the doctor's information in TXCOMP.

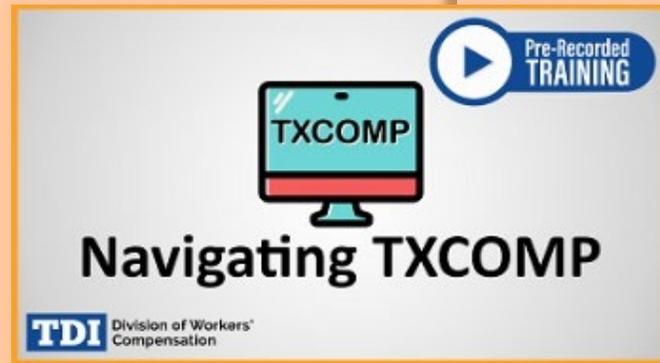
Make sure the doctor has selected you as an administrator (see **Add or remove a doctor agent**).

### 7. How do I update designated doctor exam locations?

Call DD certification at 512-804-4766 to get help updating designated doctor exam locations.

# Navigating TXCOMP Video Instruction

<https://youtu.be/1aVGDDKS-MQ?t=149>



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**TXCOMP Claims and Coverage Systems**

TXCOMP is an automated system that allows public access to non-confidential workers' compensation information.

[Go to TXCOMP.](#)

**I want to:**

- [NEW - Report coverage information for a self-insured governmental entity ▶](#)
- [Create a profile in TXCOMP to upload documents ▶](#)
- [Receive and respond to my designated doctor appointment offers in TXCOMP ▶](#)
- [See my designated doctor or required medical examination appointments ▶](#)
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- [Get help ▶](#)

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**Navigating TXCOMP**

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# Get Help with TXCOMP Profile



## Need help with TXCOMP?

- Call 888-489-2667.
- Email [TXCompHelp@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:TXCompHelp@tdi.texas.gov).

# Step 3

## Financial Disclosure

### Health Care Practitioners, including Treating Doctors



# Who must file a financial disclosure?

All health care **practitioners** who wish to participate in the Texas workers' compensation system in any way must file a financial disclosure.

Labor Code Sec. 413.041. Disclosure and 28 TAC Sec. 180.24. Financial Disclosure



# What is financial interest?

- A direct or indirect ownership or investment interest in a health care provider.
- A direct or indirect compensation arrangement between the health care practitioner and health care provider.

**Note:** You can find more information on the [Financial Disclosure Fast Facts](#).

Labor Code Sec. 413.041. Disclosure and 28 TAC Sec. 180.24.  
Financial Disclosure

## Fast Facts

## Financial Disclosure

Texas Labor Code §413.041 and 28 Texas Administrative Code §180.24

### What is the purpose of financial disclosure?

Financial disclosure in the Texas workers' compensation system is meant to reduce the likelihood of health care practitioners making unnecessary referrals to other health care providers that they have a financial interest in.

### Are all health care practitioners required to submit a financial disclosure?

A health care practitioner who wants to participate in the Texas workers' compensation system in any way must file financial disclosure with the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC).

The disclosure must include the identity of any other health care provider that:

- the health care practitioner has a financial interest in;
- an immediate family member of the health care practitioner has a financial interest in; or
- employs the health care practitioner and has a financial interest in.

### What is financial interest?

Financial interest is:

- an interest of a health care practitioner, including an interest of the health care provider who employs the health care practitioner or an interest of an immediate family member of the health care practitioner, which constitutes a direct or indirect ownership or investment interest in a health care provider; or
- a direct or indirect compensation arrangement between the health care practitioner and the health care provider who employs the referring health care practitioner or an immediate family member of the health care practitioner and a health care provider.

A compensation arrangement is any arrangement involving any payment between a health care practitioner (or a member of a health care practitioner's immediate family) and a health care provider.

### What are some examples of financial disclosure?

- A health care practitioner has a 3% financial interest in an imaging center.
- A health care practitioner works for a company that owns a physical therapy clinic.
- A health care practitioner's daughter has a compensation arrangement with a work hardening clinic (even if through employment).

You should file financial disclosure with DWC when referring an injured employee to another health care provider that you have financial interest in. You must file this disclosure no later than 30 days after the date you (the health care practitioner) made the initial referral to that health care provider unless you have already disclosed the financial relationship.

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# What is included in financial disclosure information?

Must include the identity of any other health care provider in which:

- The health care practitioner has a financial interest;
- An immediate family member of the health care practitioner has a financial interest; or
- A health care provider employs the health care practitioner.

Labor Code Sec. 413.041. Disclosure and 28 TAC Sec. 180.24. Financial Disclosure

# When should I report financial disclosure information?

Report financial disclosure information with DWC:

- When you refer an injured employee to another health care provider that you have financial interest in.
- Within 30 days after the date you made the initial referral.
- Unless you already disclosed the financial interest.



# How do I report financial disclosure information?

File financial disclosure information in your health care practitioner TXCOMP profile.

- Create a profile if you don't have one.
- Open the Financial Disclosure section of your profile.
- Select Add Financial Disclosure for a new disclosure or select from the list of Disclosed Interest to update a current record.
- Enter information and save.





# What if I fail to disclose financial interest?

- You are subject to any sanctions provided by the Labor Code and DWC rules.
- You risk an administrative violation.
- You are subject to penalty of forfeiture of the right to reimbursement for any services rendered on the claim during the noncompliance period.



# Providing Treatment to Injured Employees

# Treating Non-Network Claims

If the doctor has completed steps 1-3, the doctor may provide treatment to the injured employee for their non-network claim.

**Note:** There is no required training or testing.



# Treating Network Claims

If the doctor has completed steps 1-3, to reduce the risk of non-payment for providing treatment for the injured employee's network claim, the doctor needs to:

- Be contracted with the network to provide treatment; or
- Have a special out-of-network approval to treat a network injury, unless it's an emergency.



# Treating Network Claims

To contract with a network, a doctor should:

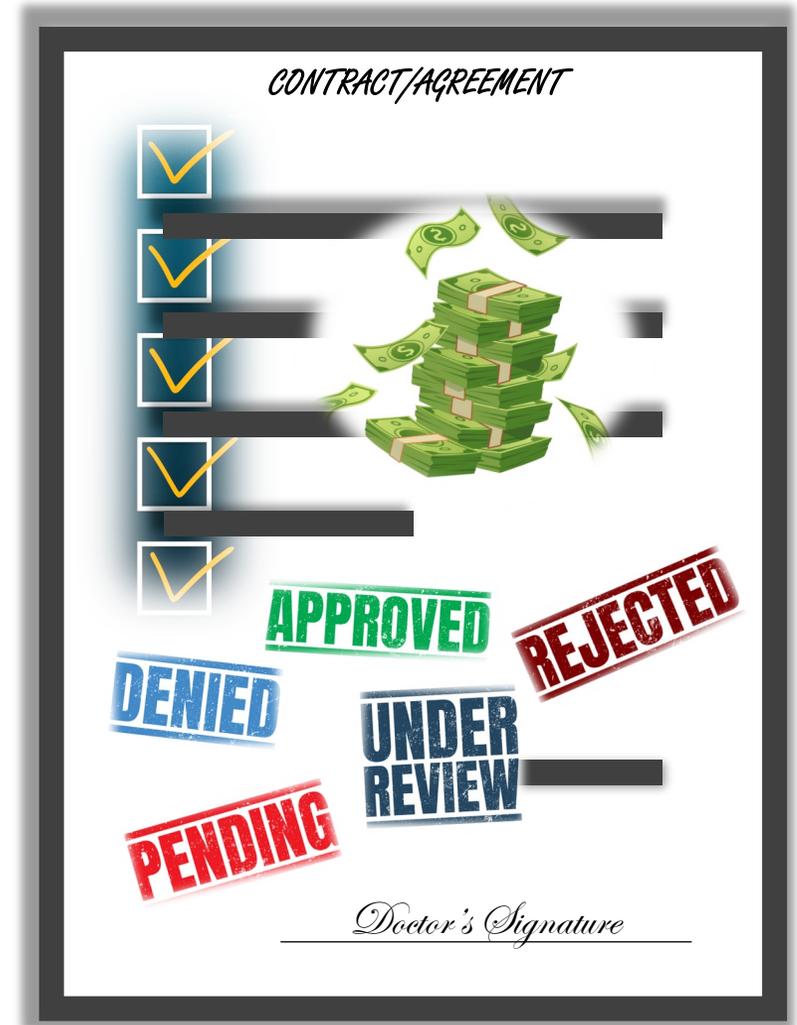
- Review “[What are the WCNet credentialing requirements?](#)”
- Contact the individual networks directly to request to join the network and ask about their network credentialing requirements.
- Locate networks here “[How do I find a certified WCNet?](#)”
- Review [28 TAC Sec. 10.84. Treating Doctor](#) relating to networks.

**Note:** Networks may or may not accept the request to become a contracted network provider.

# Treating Network Claims

A network contract should include:

- Information about reimbursement;
- Preauthorization requirements; and
- Treatment and return-to-work guidelines.



# Treating Doctor Responsibilities



# Treating Doctor Responsibilities

Treating doctors should timely and appropriately comply with all requirements under the Labor Code and DWC rules, including:

- Reporting required information.
- Disclosing financial interests.
- Impartially evaluating an injured employee's condition.

28 TAC Sec. 180.22. Health Care Provider Roles and Responsibilities

# Treating Doctor Responsibilities

- Primary responsibility is to efficiently manage and coordinate health care for an injured employee's compensable injury.
- Except in the case of an emergency, approve and recommend all health care, including health care provided by referral doctors.

28 TAC Sec. 180.22. Health Care Provider Roles and Responsibilities



# Treating Doctor Responsibilities

Provide health care reasonably required by the nature of the injury and when needed to:

- Cure or relieve the effects naturally resulting from the compensable injury;
- Promote recovery; or
- Enhance the ability of the injured employee to return to or retain employment.

Labor Code Sec. 408.021. Entitlement to Medical Benefits

# Treating Doctor Responsibilities

- Bill correctly for health care provided;
- Determine and communicate regularly the injured employee's ability to work or any work restrictions (**DWC Form 073, *Work Status Report***);
- Examine an injured employee to determine a date of maximum medical improvement and if there is a possibility of permanent impairment, assign impairment rating (if authorized) or refer to a doctor who is authorized to assign an impairment rating (**DWC Form 069, *Report of Medical Evaluation***); and
- Comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

# Treatment guidelines

28 TAC Sec. 137.100. Treatment Guidelines

Health care practitioners are required to provide treatment in accordance with the current edition of the Official Disability Guidelines (ODG).

## **ODG – Treatment in Workers' Compensation**

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800-488-5548

[www.mcg.com/odg](http://www.mcg.com/odg)

Network claims – refer to network treatment guidelines in the network contract.

Duration

28 TAC Sec. 10.83. Guidelines and Protocols

Costs

# Return-to-Work Guidelines

**Welcome to MDGuidelines**  
The Gold Standard in Evidence-Based Clinical Guidelines

**Who We Help**

 <b>Clinicians</b> Search recommended treatments, diagnostic interventions and recovery times. Return patients to health and activity safely and efficiently.	 <b>Case managers</b> Find condition and procedure information and estimated recovery timeframes to support patient recovery and return to activity.	 <b>Utilization reviewers</b> Substantiate treatment plans against recommendations in clinical practice guidelines and understand the recommended care options.	 <b>Medical administrators</b> Understand best practices. Reduce variations in care. Implement care standards with evidence-based clinical practice guidelines.	 <b>Employers</b> Understand prognosis for conditions and procedures. Support accommodations for return to activity. Enhance workforce productivity.
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28 TAC Sec. 137.10. Return to Work Guidelines

Insurance carriers, health care practitioners, and employers must use DWC's adopted non-network return-to-work (RTW) guidelines for the evaluation of expected or average RTW time frames.

**MDGuidelines**  
**(excluding the treatment guidelines)**  
800-442-4519  
[www.mdguidelines.com](http://www.mdguidelines.com)

Network claims – refer to network treatment guidelines in network contract.

28 TAC Sec. 10.83. Guidelines and Protocols

# Change of Treating Doctor

# Change of Treating Doctor

The injured employee may request a change of treating doctor for a valid reason.

- **Non-network claims:**

The injured employee must submit the **DWC Form-053, Employee Request to Change Treating Doctor** to DWC for approval.

- **Political subdivisions and network claims:**

Injured employees must check with the political subdivision or network for the change of treating doctor form (if any) and the process.

28 TAC Sec. 126.9. Choice of Treating Doctor and Liability for Payment  
 28 TAC Sec. 10.85. Selection of Treating Doctor; Change of Treating Doctor

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Complete if known:  
 DWC Claim # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carrier Claim # \_\_\_\_\_

**Employee Request to Change Treating Doctor**  
*For use ONLY by Employees NOT in Workers' Compensation Health Care Networks or Certain Political Subdivision Health Care Plans  
 Type (or print in black ink) each item on this form*

I. EMPLOYEE/EMPLOYEE'S ATTORNEY INFORMATION		
1. Employee's Name (First, Middle, Last)	2. Employee's Social Security Number	
3. Employee's Mailing Address (Street or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)		
4. Employee's Telephone Number ( ) ( )	5. Alternate Telephone Number (if available) ( ) ( )	6. Date of Injury (mm/dd/yyyy)
7. Attorney/Representative's Name (if applicable)		8. Attorney/Representative's Address (Street or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)
II. EMPLOYER INFORMATION (at the time of the injury)		
9. Employer's Name	10. Employer's Address (Street or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)	
III. INSURANCE CARRIER INFORMATION		
11. Insurance Carrier's Name	12. Insurance Carrier's Address (Street or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)	
13. Adjuster's Name	14. Adjuster's Telephone Number ( ) ( ) ext. ( )	15. Adjuster's Fax Number ( ) ( )
IV. TREATING DOCTOR INFORMATION		
Current Treating Doctor		
16. Current Treating Doctor's Name (First, Middle, Last) and Title (MD, DO, DC, etc.)		17. Current Treating Doctor's Telephone Number ( ) ( ) ext. ( )
18. Current Treating Doctor's Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box, City, State, Zip Code)		
19. Current Treating Doctor's License Number (if known)		20. Current Treating Doctor's Fax Number ( ) ( )
Reason for Requesting a Change of Treating Doctor		
21. Explain Why You Are Requesting to Change Your Treating Doctor (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)		
Requested Treating Doctor		
22. Requested Treating Doctor's Name (First, Middle, Last) and Title (MD, DO, DC, etc.)		23. Requested Treating Doctor's Telephone Number ( ) ( ) ext. ( )
24. Requested Treating Doctor's License Number		25. Requested Treating Doctor's Fax Number ( ) ( )
26. Requested Treating Doctor's Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box, City, State, Zip Code)		
27. Requested Treating Doctor's Signature (required)		28. Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
V. EMPLOYEE'S AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE TREATING DOCTORS AND RELEASE MEDICAL RECORDS		
By signing this form I confirm that I wish to change my treating doctor, and I authorize my current treating doctor to furnish records pertaining to my workers' compensation claim to the requested treating doctor.		For TDI-DWC Use Only
29. Employee's Signature (required)		
30. Date		



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# Change of Treating Doctor, DWC Form-053(Non-Network)

- An injured employee must file the DWC Form-053 to request approval from DWC before receiving services from a new treating doctor.
- The form must include a signature from the new treating doctor.
- An injured employee may not request a change of treating doctor to get a new impairment rating or medical report.

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Complete if known:  
DWC Claim # \_\_\_\_\_  
Carrier Claim # \_\_\_\_\_

**Employee Request to Change Treating Doctor**  
*For use ONLY by Employees NOT in Workers' Compensation Health Care Networks or Certain Political Subdivision Health Care Plans*  
Type (or print in black ink) each item on this form

I. EMPLOYEE/EMPLOYEE'S ATTORNEY INFORMATION		
1. Employee's Name (First, Middle, Last)		2. Employee's Social Security Number
3. Employee's Mailing Address (Street or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)		
4. Employee's Telephone Number ( )	5. Alternate Telephone Number (if available) ( )	6. Date of Injury (mm/dd/yyyy)
7. Attorney/Representative's Name (if applicable)		8. Attorney/Representative's Address (Street or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)
II. EMPLOYER INFORMATION (at the time of the injury)		
9. Employer's Name		10. Employer's Address (Street or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)
III. INSURANCE CARRIER INFORMATION		
11. Insurance Carrier's Name		12. Insurance Carrier's Address (Street or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)
13. Adjuster's Name	14. Adjuster's Telephone Number ( ) ext. ( )	15. Adjuster's Fax Number ( )
IV. TREATING DOCTOR INFORMATION		
Current Treating Doctor		
16. Current Treating Doctor's Name (First, Middle, Last) and Title (MD, DO, DC, etc.)		17. Current Treating Doctor's Telephone Number ( ) ext. ( )
18. Current Treating Doctor's Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box, City, State, Zip Code)		
19. Current Treating Doctor's License Number (if known)		20. Current Treating Doctor's Fax Number ( )
Reason for Requesting a Change of Treating Doctor		
21. Explain Why You Are Requesting to Change Your Treating Doctor (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)		
Requested Treating Doctor		
22. Requested Treating Doctor's Name (First, Middle, Last) and Title (MD, DO, DC, etc.)		23. Requested Treating Doctor's Telephone Number ( ) ext. ( )
24. Requested Treating Doctor's License Number		25. Requested Treating Doctor's Fax Number ( )
26. Requested Treating Doctor's Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box, City, State, Zip Code)		
27. Requested Treating Doctor's Signature (required)		28. Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
V. EMPLOYEE'S AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE TREATING DOCTORS AND RELEASE MEDICAL RECORDS		
By signing this form I confirm that I wish to change my treating doctor, and I authorize my current treating doctor to furnish records pertaining to my workers' compensation claim to the requested treating doctor.		For TDI-DWC Use Only
29. Employee's Signature (required)		
30. Date		



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# Recap

Definitions. ✓

Injured employee's selection of treating doctor. ✓

Basic qualifications for treating doctors to participate in the workers' compensation system. ✓

TXCOMP profile. ✓



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Financial disclosure.



Providing treatment.



Treating doctor responsibilities.

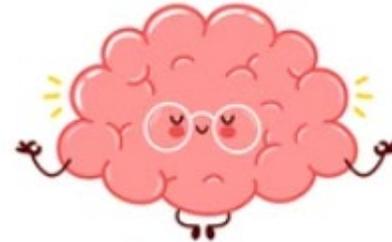


Changing treating doctors.



**TRAIN  
YOUR  
BRAIN**

# Let's flex your knowledge!



# NEXT TIME





**HEALTH CARE PROVIDER**  
*>>>> Roles and Responsibilities <<<<*



# Learning Objectives

- Learn how health care providers participate in the workers' compensation system.
- Identify the distinct role of each provider.
- Understand key provider responsibilities in workers' compensation.

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