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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

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Subject: DWC Finalizes the *Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit*

On October 7, 2025, the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) pursued and received constructive input from workers' compensation system participants on the proposed *Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit*.

DWC appreciates the input, and we carefully considered and discussed all comments. The plan-based audit was approved.

All medical quality reviews initiated on or after January 1, 2026, will follow the approved Medical Quality Review Process (Process) in effect. The Process and plan-based audit are posted on our website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html.

If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Self at Jennifer.Self@tdi.texas.gov or 512-804-4852.