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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

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Subject: Input needed to develop the Medical Quality Review Calendar Year 2025 Annual Audit Plan

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) seeks input for the proposed Medical Quality Review Calendar Year 2025 Annual Audit Plan (Audit Plan). Specifically, we are looking for input on "Section 1: Review Categories" of the plan. The proposed Audit Plan is to evaluate designated doctor reports for quality and compliance with Texas Administrative Code Sections [127.10](#), [127.210](#), and [127.220](#), with a focus on documentation that supports the need for additional testing or referrals made as part of the designated doctor examination.

The Audit Plan sets the priorities for the medical quality review audits during the upcoming year. Information about the [Medical Quality Review Process](#) (Process) and the proposed Annual Plan is on the TDI website at [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html).

The medical advisor is responsible for developing the Audit Plan, which is adopted by the commissioner of workers' compensation. To conduct the audit, the medical advisor evaluates plan categories using the criteria listed in the Process. Medical quality reviews help DWC monitor compliance with the Labor Code and DWC rules.

Email your suggestions for this proposed Audit Plan to [OMA@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:OMA@tdi.texas.gov) by 5 p.m., Central time, on November 22, 2024.

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