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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, General Counsel

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Subject: Informal working draft of rule on electronic transmission of information

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is accepting public comments on an informal working draft of a rule creating new 28 Texas Administrative Code Section 102.12, concerning electronic transmission of information. New Section 102.12 would implement Labor Code Section [401.024](#), which enables the commissioner to permit or require the use of an electronic transmission instead of the specified form, manner, or procedure in Labor Code Title 5, Subtitle A.

The rule is intended to ensure that any information sent to or from DWC can be sent electronically, instead of in hard copy. It is necessary to reduce administrative burdens on stakeholders as well as DWC by eliminating wasteful, expensive, and duplicative paper copies. The informal working draft rule specifies that DWC may send information to a person a different way if DWC does not have a way to send it to the person electronically, or if the person requests nonelectronic transmission.

DWC will post a copy of the informal working draft rule on the website at [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2026rules.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2026rules.html).

Submit any written comments on the informal working draft rule to [RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov), or mail or deliver your comments to

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The deadline to submit all comments is 5 p.m., Central time, on March 23, 2026.