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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services

Date: June 2, 2022

RE: Opportunity to Review and Comment on Designated Doctor and Maximum Medical Improvement and Impairment Rating Doctor Rules

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) [informally proposes a second set of amendments](#) to 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 127, Designated Doctor Procedures and Requirements, and 28 TAC Section 180.23 to improve the designated doctor (DD) program.

DWC staff evaluated comments from the first informal proposal and made changes to DD qualifications when examining injured employees with certain complex diagnoses. DWC is also proposing a template for the DD report. The template provides a standardized approach to organizing the narrative report, so the parties receiving the report can more easily identify the DD exam findings.

DWC will host a stakeholder presentation on the second set of amendments to Chapter 127 on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., Central time, to discuss updated amendments to rule language and feedback from system participants on the first informal proposal.

We are requesting comments on the rule text and the proposed template documents. Email your comments to RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov. We must receive your written comments by 5 p.m., Central time, on Thursday, June 23, 2022. You may also mail or deliver your comments to:

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