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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

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Subject: Opportunity to review and comment on an informal working draft of amendments and repeals to 28 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 144, Subchapter A, Arbitration

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) requests comments on an informal working draft that amends 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Sections [144.1-144.7](#), [144.10](#), [144.11](#), [144.13-144.16](#), and the name of Chapter 144, concerning arbitration in DWC's dispute resolution process. The informal working draft also includes repealing 28 TAC Section [144.9](#), concerning the exchange of required information between arbitration parties, and Section [144.12](#), concerning the failure to attend arbitration, because these two sections repeat the Texas Labor Code.

The informal working draft proposes to increase the list of available arbitrators as part of DWC's dispute resolution process. It also amends the chapter name to more accurately reflect its purpose, updates citations, removes obsolete references, and makes nonsubstantive editorial and formatting changes to improve the rule's clarity.

We are requesting comments on the rule text. Email your comments to [RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov). We must receive your written comments by 5 p.m., Central time, on May 29, 2025. You may also mail or deliver your comments to:

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