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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, General Counsel

Date: [February 26, 2025](#)

Subject: Notice of Proposed Rule Review: 28 TAC Chapters 140-144, 147-148, 150, 152, and 156

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will review all sections in the following chapters in Title 28, Texas Administrative Code:

- Chapter 140 (Dispute Resolution--General Provisions);
- Chapter 141 (Dispute Resolution--Benefit Review Conference);
- Chapter 142 (Dispute Resolution--Benefit Contested Case Hearing);
- Chapter 143 (Dispute Resolution Review by the Appeals Panel);
- Chapter 144 (Dispute Resolution);
- Chapter 147 (Dispute Resolution--Agreements, Settlements, Commutations);
- Chapter 148 (Hearings Conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings);
- Chapter 150 (Representation of Parties Before the Agency--Qualifications for Representatives);
- Chapter 152 (Attorney Fees); and
- Chapter 156 (Representation of Parties Before the Agency--Carrier's Austin Representative).

The notice of proposed review will be published in the February 28, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* and will be available at www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml once published. DWC will also post a copy on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/rulereview.html.

DWC is accepting public comments on whether the reasons for initially adopting these rules continue to exist, and whether these rules should be repealed, readopted, or readopted with amendments in accordance with Texas Government Code §2001.039.

Send your written comments or hearing request to RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov or to:

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The deadline to submit comments is 5 p.m., Central time, on March 28, 2025.

DWC may consider any suggested repeals or amendments identified during this rule review in future rulemaking under Texas Government Code Chapter 2001 (Administrative Procedure).