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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

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

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is readopting 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 was published in the February 28, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* at 50 TexReg 1705. DWC received one public comment and no hearing requests by the March 28, 2025, comment deadline. The commenter was for readoption or readoption with amendments.

DWC is readopting these rules in accordance with Texas Government Code §2001.039, which requires a state agency to review each rule every four years and readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal the rule. DWC has determined that the reasons for initially adopting these rules continue to exist.

The readoption will be published in the May 23, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* and will be available at [www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml) once published. DWC will also post

a copy on our website at  
[www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/rulereview.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/rulereview.html).

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