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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, General Counsel

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Subject: Proposed rule on workers' compensation claims for death investigation professionals

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is accepting public comments on a proposed rule amending 28 Texas Administrative Code Sections [133.240](#), [133.250](#), [133.305](#), [133.308](#), and [134.600](#), concerning medical disputes for workers' compensation claims and preauthorization, concurrent utilization review, and voluntary certification of health care. The amendments are necessary to implement Texas Labor Code Section 504.057, which was added by House Bill (HB) 1306, 89th Legislature, Regular Session (2025).

HB 1306 added Labor Code Section 504.057, which requires expedited medical benefits and accelerated medical dispute resolution for claims for medical benefits by a death investigation professional who sustains a serious bodily injury in the course and scope of employment, and requires that the death investigation professional inform DWC and the independent review organization that a contested case hearing or appeal involves a death investigation professional.

The proposed rule will be published in the October 24, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* and available at www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml once published. We will also post a copy of the proposed rule on the website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2025rules.html.

Submit any written comments on the proposed rule to 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 November 24, 2025.