

No. 2026-10121

**Official Order
of the
Texas Commissioner of Insurance**

Date: 09/15/2026

Subject Considered:

**National Council on Compensation Insurance Filing
*Item 01-TX-2026—Revisions to NCCI's Basic Manual for Texas to Update
Terminology Related to Disability Language***

The subject of this order is the adoption of amendments to the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) manual, as proposed in *Item 01-TX-2026—Revisions to NCCI's Basic Manual for Texas to Update Terminology Related to Disability Language* (TDI ECase No. 39100; SERFF Tracking No. NCCI-134946501).

Background

NCCI filed *Item 01-TX-2026* to amend the NCCI *Basic Manual for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance for Texas* (Basic Manual). The rule will replace the outdated term "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability" in the Basic Manual. This revision is consistent with a similar change to multiple Texas statutory codes by House Bill 446, 88th Legislature, 2023, including the Health and Safety Code and the Insurance Code.

After considering the filing, the commissioner of insurance adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Findings of Fact

1. NCCI filed *Item 01-TX-2026* with the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) on May 13, 2026, under the workers' compensation manual rule filing procedure adopted in Commissioner's Order No. 3142, dated March 21, 2014.
2. *Item 01-TX-2026* amends the Basic Manual to replace the outdated term "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability."

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3. The rule will not impose additional costs.
4. NCCI proposes that the changes in *Item 01-TX-2026* apply to new and renewal policies that are effective on or after 12:01 a.m. on December 1, 2026.
5. *Item 01-TX-2026* has been available for public inspection in SERFF and at TDI since the filing date.
6. On June 18, 2026, TDI published notice of the filing on its website at www.tdi.texas.gov/rules/2026/documents/item01tx26notice.pdf and distributed notice of the filing to electronic news subscribers.
7. TDI received no comments by the July 20, 2026 deadline.
8. NCCI revised the filing on August 21, 2026, to make a nonsubstantive correction.
9. The revised filing, including exhibits, is incorporated by reference into this order.

Conclusions of Law

1. TDI has jurisdiction over this matter under Insurance Code §§ 2051.002, 2051.201, 2053.002, and 2053.011, and Article 5.96.
2. TDI gave notice in compliance with Commissioner's Order No. 3142.
3. The amendments to the Basic Manual are consistent with Insurance Code Chapters 2051 and 2053, and Article 5.96.
4. Applying the changes in *Item 01-TX-2026* to new and renewal policies that are effective on or after 12:01 a.m. on December 1, 2026, is reasonable.

Order

It is ordered that NCCI's filing, *Item 01-TX-2026—Revisions to NCCI's Basic Manual for Texas to Update Terminology Related to Disability Language*, is approved. The changes in *Item 01-TX-2026* apply to new and renewal policies that are effective on or after 12:01 a.m. on December 1, 2026.

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