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To: Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers

From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services

Date: April 19, 2022

RE: Opportunity to Comment on Proposed New DWC Form-033

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is accepting public comments on a proposed new form: DWC Form-033, *Request to Reduce Income Benefits Due to Contribution*.

Adopting this form is necessary to allow insurance carriers a way to reduce the amount of income benefits they pay to an injured employee if there was a past work-related injury to the same body part or parts.

The new form is not a formal rule proposal under the Administrative Procedure Act. DWC will not treat comments as formal public comments. However, DWC will consider any substantive comment before adopting the new form. The proposed form is on the <u>TDI website</u>. Submit written comments on the form to <u>RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov</u> or mail your comments to:

Legal Services, MC-LS Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation P.O. Box 12050 Austin, Texas 78711-2050

Submit your comments by 5 p.m., Central time, on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.