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To: Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers

From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services

Date: July 20, 2022

Re: Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Revisions to DWC Forms-046 and 047

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is accepting public comments on revisions to two forms:

- DWC Form-046, Request to Accelerate Impairment Income Benefits. This form is necessary to allow injured employees with a hardship a way to request an acceleration of weekly impairment income benefits.
- DWC Form-047, Request to Advance Benefits. This form is necessary to allow injured employees with a financial hardship a way to request an advance of benefits.

The revised forms are not a formal rule proposal under the Administrative Procedures Act. DWC will not treat comments as formal public comments. However, DWC will consider any substantive comment before the revised forms are adopted. The proposed forms are 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 PO Box 12050 Austin, Texas 78711-2050

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