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To: Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers

From: Kara Mace, General Counsel

Date: August 17, 2023

RE: Proposed changes to DWC Form-052, *Supplemental Income Benefits (SIBs)* Application and DWC Form-055, *Request to Adjust Benefits for a Seasonal Employee*

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is accepting public comments on proposed changes to DWC Form-052, *Supplemental Income Benefits (SIBs) Application* (DWC Form-052) and DWC Form-055, *Request to Adjust Benefits for a Seasonal Employee* (DWC Form-055).

The DWC Form-052 is used by injured employees to apply for SIBs.

The DWC Form-055 is used by insurance carriers to notify a seasonal employee and DWC of its request to adjust the benefit amount or adjust the amount of the average weekly wage. We combined this form with the DWC Form-054, *Notice to Employee: Intention to Request Division Permission to Adjust Benefits* (DWC Form-054) and DWC Form-056, *Carrier's Request for Seasonal Employee Wage Information from Texas Workforce Commission Records* (DWC Form-056). The DWC Form-054 and DWC Form-056 will be retired and no longer accepted when the changes to the DWC Form-055 are adopted.

The proposed revised forms are not formal rule proposals 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 approved for use. 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 September 18, 2023.