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To: Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers

From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services

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RE: Adoption of Revised Forms

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has adopted revisions to two forms:

- DWC Form-046, *Request to Accelerate Impairment Income Benefits* (DWC Form-046); and
- DWC Form-047, *Request to Advance Benefits*.

The forms are effective immediately. We posted the draft DWC Forms-046 and 047 online for a two-week period from July 20, 2022, to August 3, 2022.

The adoption of these forms is necessary because:

- DWC Form-046 allows injured employees with a hardship a way to request an acceleration of weekly impairment income benefits; and
- DWC Form-047 allows injured employees with a financial hardship a way to request an advance of benefits.

Injured employees are to use the adopted forms on or after September 19, 2022. The forms are on the <u>TDI website</u>.