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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Mary Landrum, Deputy Commissioner of Health and Safety

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Subject: Effective date for changes to rules on designated doctor (DD) and maximum medical improvement (MMI) and impairment rating (IR) billing and reimbursement

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) reminds system participants of the effective date for adopted amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapters [133](#) and [134](#) regarding billing and reimbursement for certain workers' compensation-specific services, including DD examinations, required medical examinations, work status reports, and MMI evaluations and IR examinations by treating and referred doctors.

Billing updates effective on June 1, 2024

An assignment number in the prior authorization field of medical billing forms is required for DD bills and DD-ordered testing or evaluation bills for DD exams ordered on or after June 1.

Reimbursement updates effective on June 1, 2024

Reimbursement rates are effective for exams that are conducted on or after June 1.

Training

Training slides and an on-demand training video on the adopted amendments are on the [TDI website](#).

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