

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Graves Owen, M.D., Medical Advisor

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RE: Input needed for development of *Shoulder Surgery Plan-Based Audit*.

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) seeks input for the *Shoulder Surgery Plan-Based Audit*. The plan-based audit will evaluate the appropriateness of performing acromioplasty or distal clavicle resection procedures as part of a shoulder rotator cuff repair, including the appropriate recordkeeping of these procedures. The plan-based audit sets the scope, methodology, selection standards, and program area duties as laid out in the Medical Quality Review Process (Process). A copy of the proposed *Shoulder Surgery Plan-Based Audit* is available on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/documents/drshoulder1121.pdf.

The medical advisor approved a *Shoulder Surgery Plan-Based Audit* plan as part of the CY 2021 *Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan (Annual Audit)*. Information about the Process, Annual Audit, and the proposed *Shoulder Surgery Plan-Based Audit* is on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html.

You can submit suggestions for this proposed *Shoulder Surgery Plan-Based Audit* by email to OMA@tdi.texas.gov by 5 p.m., Central time on December 3, 2021.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Landrum at 512-804-4814 or mary.landrum@tdi.texas.gov.