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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

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

Date: [May 31, 2023](#)

RE: Input needed for development of Spinal Cord Stimulator Plan-Based Audit

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) seeks input for the Spinal Cord Stimulator Plan-Based Audit. The audit will evaluate the appropriateness of a doctor's decision and recordkeeping that support the use and effectiveness of spinal cord stimulators. The audit sets the scope, methodology, selection standards, and program area duties laid out in the Medical Quality Review Process (Process).

The medical advisor approved a plan for the Spinal Cord Stimulator Plan-Based Audit as part of the CY 2022 Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan (Annual Audit). Information about the Process, Annual Audit, and the proposed Spinal Cord Stimulator Plan-Based Audit is on the TDI website at [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html).

You can email suggestions for this proposed Spinal Cord Stimulator Plan-Based Audit to [OMA@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:OMA@tdi.texas.gov) by 5 p.m., Central time, on June 14, 2023.

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