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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

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

Date: January 13, 2022

RE: DWC Finalizes the *Shoulder Surgery Plan-Based Audit*

On November 16, 2021, the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) solicited and received constructive input from workers' compensation system participants on the proposed *Shoulder Surgery Plan-Based Audit* (Plan-Based Audit).

DWC appreciates the input provided by system participants. All comments were carefully considered and discussed. The Plan-Based Audit was approved.

All medical quality reviews initiated on or after January 1, 2022, will follow the approved Medical Quality Review Process (Process) in effect. The Process and Plan-Based Audit are posted on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html.

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