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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

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

Date: June 17, 2023

RE: DWC Finalizes the Spinal Cord Stimulator Plan-Based Audit.

On May 31, 2023, the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) solicited and received constructive input from workers' compensation system participants on the proposed *Spinal Cord Stimulator 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, 2023, 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 Chichi Onoriobe at 512-804-4805 or <u>Chichi.Onoriobe@tdi.texas.gov</u>.