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Memorandum

To: December 28, 2011

From: Workers' Compensation System Participants

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Subject: TDI-DWC Finalized Utilization Review Agent Plan-Based Audit

On December 12, 2011 the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) solicited and received input from workers' compensation system participants on a draft of the *Utilization Review Agent Plan-Based Audit*. All comments were carefully considered and discussed. The TDI-DWC will also consider some of the comments as part of a future Utilization Review Agent plan-based audit. There were no changes to the previous draft of the *Utilization Review Agent Plan-Based Audit*, which was approved by the Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Rod Bordelon on December 27, 2011.

All medical quality reviews initiated on or after January 1, 2011 will be performed in accordance with the approved medical quality review procedure. The Procedure, the 2011 Annual Audit Plan and the Utilization Review Agent Plan-Based Audit are posted on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html.

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