



## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services

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RE: Adopted Amendments to Rule 129.5 to Implement HB 387

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has adopted amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code §129.5 (concerning Work Status Reports) to implement House Bill (HB) 387, 86th Legislature. These amendments conform the rule to the amended statute, allowing a treating doctor to delegate authority to complete and sign a work status report to a licensed advanced practice registered nurse. The amendments are adopted without changes.

The adopted rules will be published in the February 28, 2020, issue of the *Texas Register* and will be available at [www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml) once published. A courtesy copy is on the [TDI website](http://www.tdi.texas.gov).

DWC previously approved revisions to the [DWC Form-073, Work Status Report](#), as the changes made by HB 387 went into effect on September 1, 2019. Advanced practice registered nurses have been authorized to sign work status reports since that date.