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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services

Date: October 4, 2022

RE: Adopted Amendments: 28 TAC §180.62

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has adopted amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code §180.62, concerning the Medical Quality Review Panel (MQRP). DWC proposed this rule on June 28, 2022. It was published in the July 15, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* at 47 TexReg 4069.

The amendments change the 10-year lifetime maximum service limit with multiple two-year terms for membership on the MQRP to a 10-year maximum term to align more closely with the language and intent of the statute. They provide for periodic review of members during their terms and allow members whose terms are expiring to submit new applications for membership on the MQRP. The amendments also update statutory references and make editorial changes for plain language and agency style.

The adopted amendments were published in the September 30, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* and are available at www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml. We will also post a copy of the rule adoption order on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2022rules.html.