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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, General Counsel

Date: <u>June 21, 2023</u>

RE: Adopted Amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code Section 55.15

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is adopting amendments to <u>28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 55.15</u>.

28 TAC Section 55.15 (which has been in effect since November 20, 1977) implements requirements for the contents of compromise settlement agreements. The amendments remove the requirement that "old law" settlement agreements be submitted on multicolored carbon or carbonless paper. The amendments require that "old law" settlement agreements be submitted in the form and manner prescribed by DWC. The amendments also replace references to "the board" with "the division." This rule does not change the people the rule affects or impose a cost on stakeholders, DWC, or the state.

The adopted rule will be published in the June 30, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* and available at <a href="www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml">www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml</a>. DWC will also post a copy of the adoption order on the TDI website at <a href="www.tdi.texas.gov//wc/rules/2023rules.html">www.tdi.texas.gov//wc/rules/2023rules.html</a>.