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# memo

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Emily McCoy, Director, the Office of Workers' Compensation Counsel

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RE: Adopted Rule: Amend 28 TAC §104.1, regarding contents of rulemaking petitions

On February 8, 2016, Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Ryan Brannan adopted amended 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §104.1, regarding contents of rulemaking petitions. The adoption was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on February 19, 2016. The adoption will be published in the March 4, 2016 issue of the *Texas Register* and may be viewed on the Secretary of State website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>. A courtesy copy of the adoption is available on the Texas Department of Insurance website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2016rules.html>.

#### Amended 28 TAC §104.1:

- implements House Bill 763, 84th Legislature, Regular Session (2015) by aligning the division's rules regarding contents of rulemaking petitions with the statutory changes provided in Government Code §2001.021;
- requires a statement that the petitioner is an interested person under Government Code §2001.021(d);
- removes the requirement that a rulemaking petition include the petitioner's signature;
- expands the options for submitting a rule petition by allowing a petition to be filed by email to [rulecomments@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:rulecomments@tdi.texas.gov); and
- includes some minor updates to reflect the current division organizational structure and change in agency name.