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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Nicholas Canaday, III, General Counsel

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RE: Revisions to DWC Form-073, Work Status Report

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is accepting comments on revisions to DWC Form-073, *Work Status Report*. The revised form is available at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/drafts.html. The comment period closes on August 21, 2019, at 5 p.m. Central time.

The revised DWC Form-073 reflects that advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) may complete and file the form as authorized by House Bill (HB) 387 (86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019). Because HB 387 becomes effective September 1, 2019, DWC will approve the revised DWC Form-073 before adopting amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code §129.5.

The revised form is not a formal rule proposal under the Administrative Procedures Act, and comments received will not be treated as formal public comments. However, any substantive comment DWC receives will be considered before the revised form is adopted. Comments may be submitted by email to InformalRuleComments@tdi.texas.gov or by mail or delivery to:

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DWC encourages system participants to continue accepting the former DWC Form-073 through the end of the calendar year to allow doctors, physician assistants, and APRNs time to transition to the updated form.