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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, General Counsel

Date: March 12, 2024

Subject: Proposed rule on medical billing complaints

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is accepting public comments on a proposed rule amending 28 Texas Administrative Code Section 180.2 to ensure that no health care provider or agent can use DWC's complaint process to bypass the medical fee dispute resolution filing deadline in 28 TAC Section 133.307(c). The restriction does not apply to a health care provider submitting a complaint under Insurance Code Chapter 1305.

The proposed rule will be published in the March 22, 2024, 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> once published. We will also post a copy of the proposed rule on the website at <a href="www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2024rules.html">www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2024rules.html</a>. We will hold a public hearing on the proposed rules at 11 a.m., Central time, on April 16, 2024.

You may submit written comments on the proposed rule to: <a href="mailto:RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov">RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov</a>, or mail or deliver your comments to:

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The deadline to submit comments is 5 p.m., Central time, on April 22, 2024.