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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, General Counsel

Date: [June 7, 2023](#)

RE: Proposed amendments to the Medical Quality Review Panel rules

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) proposes to amend Title 28, Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§180.64, 180.66, 180.68, 180.72, and 180.76, concerning the Medical Quality Review Panel (MQRP), to:

- Conform with related rules and practices.
- Clarify the amount of notice to which a respondent is entitled before an informal settlement conference (ISC).
- Clarify that DWC may conduct an ISC remotely or in person.
- Make editorial changes for plain language and agency style.

DWC also proposes to repeal 28 TAC §180.78, concerning the effective date of the subchapter, because it is no longer necessary.

The proposed rule will be published in the June 16, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* and available at [www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml) once published. We will also post a copy of the proposed rule on the TDI website at [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2023rules.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2023rules.html).

You may submit written comments on the proposed rule to:  
[RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov), or mail or deliver your comments to:

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The deadline to submit comments is 5 p.m., Central time, on July 17, 2023.