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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services

Date: February 8, 2023

RE: Proposed Amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code §55.15

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is accepting public comments on proposed amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code §55.15.

The proposed amendments remove the requirement that "old law" settlement agreements be submitted on multi-colored carbon or carbonless paper. The proposed 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 will not make changes that change the people the rule affects, or that impose a cost on stakeholders, DWC, or the state.

The proposed rule will be published in the February 10, 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> once published. DWC will also post a copy of the proposed rule on the DWC website at <a href="www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2023rules.html">www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2023rules.html</a>.

You may submit written comments on the proposed rule to: 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 March 13, 2023.