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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants
From: Graves Owen, M.D., Medical Advisor
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Subject: DWC approves the Medical Quality Review Calendar Year 2025 Annual Audit Plan

On October 28, 2024, the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) solicited and received constructive input from workers' compensation system participants on the proposed Medical Quality Review Calendar Year 2025 Annual Audit Plan (Audit Plan). We specifically asked for input on "Section 1: Review Categories of the plan. The proposed category is to evaluate designated doctor reports for quality and compliance with Texas Administrative Code Sections 127.10, 127.210, and 127.220, with a focus on documentation that supports the need for additional testing or referrals made as part of the designated doctor examination.

DWC appreciates system participants' input. We carefully considered and discussed all comments. The commissioner approved the Audit Plan without changes.

All medical quality reviews initiated on or after January 1, 2025, will follow the approved Medical Quality Review Process (Process) in effect. The Process and the Audit Plan are posted on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html.

If you have any questions, contact Traci Moten at traci.moten@tdi.texas.gov or 512-804-4805.