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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Patrick Palmer, M.D., Medical Advisor

Date: April 2, 2018

RE: Input Needed for Development of Opioids Plan-Based Audit

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) seeks input on the development of an *Opioids Plan-Based Audit* (Plan-Based Audit) to evaluate the appropriateness of a health care provider's decision-making and recordkeeping that supports prescribing opioids for each treatment plan tailored to a specific injured employee. The Plan-Based Audit sets the scope, methodology, selection criteria, and program area responsibilities according to the Medical Quality Review Process. A copy of the proposed *Opioid Plan-Based Audit* is available on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html.

The *Opioid Plan-Based Audit* is a part of the approved CY 2018 *Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan*, which is available on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/documents/auditplan18.pdf.

Workers' compensation system participants can submit suggestions for this Plan-Based Audit by email to OMA@tdi.texas.gov by 5 pm Central time on Monday, April 16, 2018.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Landrum at 512-804-4814 or Mary.Landrum@tdi.texas.gov.