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memo

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

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

Date: January 24, 2018

RE: TDI-DWC Finalizes the Lumbar Spine Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Plan-Based Audit

On November 20, 2017, The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) solicited and received constructive input from workers' compensation system participants on the proposed *Lumbar Spine Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Plan-Based Audit* (Plan-Based Audit). TDI-DWC appreciates the input provided by system participants. All comments were carefully considered and discussed. The Commissioner of Workers' Compensation W. Ryan Brannan, approved the Plan-Based Audit on January 23, 2018.

All medical quality reviews initiated on or after January 1, 2018, will follow the approved Medical Quality Review Process (Process) in effect. The Process and Plan-Based Audit are posted on the TDI website at: www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html.

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