



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

7551 Metro Center Drive, Suite 100 • Austin, Texas 78744-1645
512-804-4000 telephone • 512-804-4001 fax • www.tdi.texas.gov

Memorandum

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants
From: Jeff Carothers, Director of Office of Workers' Compensation Counsel
Date: October 29, 2012
Subject: Adoption: Rules Relating to the Medical Quality Review Panel

On October 17, 2012, the Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Rod Bordelon adopted new 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§180.60 - 180.78. The adoption was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on October 18, 2012 for publication in the November 2, 2012 issue of the *Texas Register* and may be viewed on the Secretary of State website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml> at that time. A courtesy copy of the adoption is currently available on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/adopted/index.html>.

The adopted rules concern the Medical Quality Review Panel (MQRP), the MQRP membership process, medical case review, the medical quality review process, MQRP Training, conflicts of interest, and rights and responsibilities of persons involved in the medical quality review process.

The purpose of these adopted rules is to implement Texas Labor Code §413.05121, §413.05122, and amended §413.0512, which were enacted by House Bill 2605 by the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, effective September 1, 2011. These statutes require the Commissioner of Workers' Compensation to adopt rules concerning the operation of the Medical Quality Review Panel and the establishment of the Quality Assurance Panel within the MQRP.

The adopted rules are effective January 1, 2013.

If there are any questions regarding the information in this memo, contact James Dodds at (512) 804-4725 or James.Dodds@tdi.texas.gov.