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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Emily McCoy, Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

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RE: Adopted Rule: New §133.30 Regarding Telemedicine and Telehealth Services.

Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Ryan Brannan adopted new 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.30, regarding Telemedicine Services and Telehealth Services. The adoption will be published in the April 27, 2018 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> once published. A courtesy copy of the adoption is available on the division's website at <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2018rules.html>.

New §133.30 expands access to telemedicine services in the Texas workers' compensation system by allowing health care providers to bill and be reimbursed for telemedicine or telehealth services regardless of where the injured employee is located at the time the services are delivered. Health care providers must follow applicable Medicare payment policies and billing provisions found throughout Chapter 133 and 134 of division rules when billing for telemedicine or telehealth services. New §133.30 is applicable to telemedicine and telehealth services provided on or after September 1, 2018. A list of services billable under Medicare payment policies may be found at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/Telehealth/Telehealth-Codes.html>.