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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants
From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services
Date: June 30, 2022
RE: Notice of proposed amendments: 28 TAC §180.62

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is accepting public comments on a proposed rule amending 28 Texas Administrative Code §180.62, concerning the Medical Quality Review Panel (MQRP). The Legislature enacted Texas Labor Code §413.05122 under House Bill 2605, which became effective on September 1, 2011.

The proposed amendments change the 10-year lifetime maximum service limit with multiple two-year terms for membership on the MQRP, to a 10-year maximum term to more closely align with the language and intent of the statute. They provide for periodic review of members during their terms, and require members whose terms are expiring to submit new applications for membership on the MQRP. The amendments also update statutory references and make editorial changes for plain language and agency style.

The proposed rule will be published in the July 15, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* and will be available at www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml once published. We will also post a copy of the proposed rule on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2022rules.html.

You may submit written comments on the proposed rule to:
RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov, or mail or deliver your comments to:

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The deadline to submit comments is 5 p.m., Central time, on August 15, 2022.