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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

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Date: October 6, 2025

Subject: Input needed for developing the *Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit*

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation seeks input for the *Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit*. This audit will evaluate the medical necessity and reasonableness of referrals or additional testing ordered by designated doctors, as well as how referral information is incorporated into their narrative reports. The audit sets the scope, methodology, selection standards, and program area duties laid out in the Medical Quality Review Process.

The medical advisor approved the designated doctor audit category as part of the Calendar Year 2025 Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan (Annual Audit). Information about the Process, Annual Audit, and the proposed *Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit* is on our website at www.tdi.texas.gov//wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html.

Input and deadline

Please email your suggestions for this proposed *Designated Doctor Plan-Based Audit* to OMA@tdi.texas.gov. The deadline to email your suggestions is 5 p.m., Central time, on October 20, 2025.

Questions?

Contact Jennifer Self at Jennifer.Self@tdi.texas.gov or 512-804-4805.