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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, General Counsel

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Subject: Opportunity to review and comment on an informal working draft amending 28 TAC Section [42.105](#) and repealing 28 TAC Sections [134.201](#) and [134.204](#)

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) requests comments on an informal working draft that amends 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section [42.105](#), concerning medical fee guidelines for old law claims. As part of this rule project, DWC intends to repeal 28 TAC Section [134.201](#), concerning 1996 medical fee guidelines, and Section [134.204](#), concerning medical fee guidelines for specific workers' compensation services and workers' compensation billing codes, because the amendments to Section 42.105 will make those sections unnecessary. Section 134.201 adopted the now-outdated 1996 fee guidelines and Section 134.204 relies on obsolete billing codes.

The informal working draft proposes to update reimbursement for old law claims by replacing the 1996 fee guidelines with the current fee guidelines in Chapter 134. Updating these provisions is necessary to ensure consistent reimbursement for workers' compensation services and will support continued access to care by helping maintain an adequate network of doctors willing to treat these legacy claims.

Aligning reimbursement with current fee guidelines also benefits system participants, including insurance carriers, by promoting the use of modern billing practices and current procedural terminology coding standards. We expect this alignment to improve billing consistency, reduce administrative friction, and enhance the efficiency of claims processing.

We are requesting comments on the informal working draft. Email your comments to [RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov). We must receive your written comments by 5 p.m., Central time, on July 2, 2026. You may also mail or deliver your comments to:

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