



## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Patrick Palmer, MD, Medical Advisor

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RE: Designated Doctor Performance Review Procedure

The Commissioner of Workers' Compensation has adopted the procedure for evaluating designated doctor performance effective immediately.

The evaluation procedure provides for a review of the quality of designated doctor decisions, as required by law. The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) may take necessary action to deny renewal of a designated doctor's certification based on the integrity of these decisions. The evaluation procedure will also help DWC increase training and testing quality by identifying areas for Designated Doctor performance improvement.

Information about the evaluation procedure, including selection criteria, is available at [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html).

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