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memo

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants
From: Patrick Palmer, M.D., Medical Advisor
Date: May 2, 2018
RE: TDI-DWC Finalizes the Opioids Plan-Based Audit

On April 2, 2018, The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) solicited and received constructive input from workers' compensation system participants on the proposed *Opioids Plan-Based Audit* (Plan-Based Audit). TDI-DWC appreciates the input provided by system participants. All comments were carefully considered and discussed. The Commissioner of Workers' Compensation W. Ryan Brannan, approved the Plan-Based Audit on April 30, 2018.

All medical quality reviews initiated on or after January 1, 2018, will follow the approved Medical Quality Review Process (Process) in effect. The Process and Plan-Based Audit are posted on the TDI website at:

www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/documents/opioid0418.pdf.

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