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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Gerri Thomas, Chief Administrative Law Judge

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Subject: Rocket Docket Scheduling Initiative

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is introducing a scheduling initiative in the San Antonio Field Office to allow eligible continued cases to be reset more quickly when circumstances allow for it.

The initiative is intended for eligible cases in which an earlier hearing date can be offered while still allowing the parties sufficient time to prepare. Examples may include scheduling conflicts, illness, witness unavailability, interpreter-related issues, weather-related closures, or other administrative circumstances. We will focus on continuance requests made within five days of the scheduled hearing.

When appropriate, DWC may offer an earlier hearing date for eligible cases. The availability of an accelerated setting will depend on the circumstances of the case, the availability of earlier hearing dates, and the ability to provide all parties a fair opportunity to prepare for and participate in the hearing.

When we offer an accelerated setting, docketing staff will work with the parties to identify available hearing dates, including using available Friday docket space when necessary and agreeable to the parties.

The goal of this initiative is to provide parties with the opportunity for an earlier hearing when appropriate, promote the timely resolution of disputes, reduce unnecessary delays, and make the best use of available hearing resources while maintaining fairness throughout the hearing process.

Questions?

If you have any questions or feedback, contact Tiffany Duarte at 512-804-4055.