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OFFICIAL ORDER
of the
TEXAS COMMISSIONER OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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Subject Considered:

FY 2020 RESEARCH AGENDA FOR THE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESEARCH AND EVALUATION GROUP

General remarks and official action taken:

The commissioner of workers' compensation considers the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Research Agenda for the Workers' Compensation Research and Evaluation Group (REG) at the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC).

The Texas Labor Code requires the REG to conduct professional studies and research related to the operational effectiveness of the workers' compensation system, and to annually publish a workers' compensation research agenda.

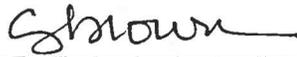
DWC published the proposed research agenda in the November 29, 2019, issue of the *Texas Register* (44 TexReg 7466), soliciting public review and comment. DWC received no comments and no requests for a public hearing.

The commissioner adopts the FY 2020 Research Agenda for the Workers' Compensation Research and Evaluation Group, as follows:

1. Completion and publication of the 2020 Workers' Compensation Health Care Network Report Card (required under Insurance Code §1305.502 and Labor Code §405.0025).
2. An update of the 2018 "Setting the Standard," biennial report on the impact of the 2005 legislative reforms to the Texas workers' compensation system. This report presents results on the affordability and availability of workers' compensation insurance for

Texas employers, and the impact of certified workers' compensation health care networks on medical costs, quality of care issues, return-to-work outcomes, and medical dispute resolution (required by Insurance Code §2053.012 and Labor Code §405.0025). The report is due on December 1, 2020.

3. An update of the 2018 biennial study to estimate employer participation in the Texas workers' compensation system (required by Insurance Code §2053.012 and Labor Code §405.0025). The report is due on December 1, 2020.



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