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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

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Subject: Adopted New Section, Amendments, and Repeals of Chapter 147, Dispute Resolution--Agreements, Settlements, Commutations

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has adopted amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter [147](#), concerning dispute resolution through agreements and settlements. The rulemaking amended 28 TAC Sections [147.4](#), [147.5](#), [147.7](#), [147.10](#), and [147.11](#); repealed 28 TAC Sections [147.1](#), [147.2](#), [147.3](#), [147.6](#), [147.8](#), and [147.9](#); and added new Section 147.1.

Chapter 147 implements Texas Labor Code Sections [401.011](#), [408.005](#), [410.029](#), [410.030](#), and [410.258](#). The rule:

- Condenses some sections into others, so it's more organized and easier to navigate.
- Removes some sections and subsections that are outdated and unnecessary.
- Removes references to penalties specific to certain violations of agreements and settlements because Labor Code Chapter [415](#) and 28 TAC Chapter [180](#) address these penalties.
- Updates citations, removes obsolete references, and makes plain language updates and agency style editorial changes.

These changes streamline the agreements and settlements process and remove unnecessary work for DWC staff.

The rule will be published in the July 5, 2024, issue of the *Texas Register* and available at [www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml) once published. We will also post a copy of the adoption order on our website at [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2024rules.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2024rules.html).