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Memorandum

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Tracey Beaver, Director of the Office of Workers' Compensation Counsel

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Subject: Adoption: Amend 28 TAC §§134.802 – 134.805, 134.807, and 134.808 regarding Guidelines for Medical Services, Charges, and Payments. Tables Adopted by Reference: Texas EDI Medical Data Element Requirement Table, Version 2.0, the Texas EDI Medical Data Element Edits Table, Version 2.0, and the Texas EDI Medical Difference Table, Version 3.0.

On January 20, 2015, the Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Ryan Brannan adopted amendments to §§134.802 – 134.805, 134.807, and 134.808 regarding Definitions, Reporting Standards, Reporting Requirements, Records Required to be Reported, State Specific Requirements, and Insurance Carrier EDI Compliance Coordinator and Trading Partners.

The adoption was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on January 21, 2015, for publication in the February 6, 2015 issue of the *Texas Register* and may be viewed on the Secretary of State website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml> once published. A courtesy copy of the adoption order and the tables adopted by reference will also be available on the Texas Department of Insurance website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/adopted/index.html>.

The purpose of the amendments to §§134.802 – 134.805, 134.807, and 134.808 is to update the existing technical requirements associated with insurance carriers' reporting medical charge and payment data to the Division. The amendments also include some additional requirements to improve the quality of data submitted. The submission of accurate data is necessary to allow the commissioner and Division to better fulfill their statutorily imposed duties of adopting and administering medical policies, fee guidelines, and rules. The availability of quality data better assists the Division in detecting practices and patterns in medical charges, actual payments, and treatment protocols as required by Labor Code §413.007.

Adopted amendments to §§134.802 – 134.805, 134.807, and 134.808 include: adoption by reference of updated Texas EDI Medical Data Element Requirement Table, Texas EDI Medical Data Element Edits Table, and Texas EDI Medical Difference Table; clarification of the existing requirement that an insurance carrier must report the same prescription number for each reimbursable component of the compound medication; an emphasis on proper sequencing that requires an '00' original medical EDI record to be submitted before an '01' cancel or '05' replacement; the clarification of 'W3' as a Texas-specific claim adjustment reason code that identifies requests for reconsideration or appeal; and other minimal technical amendments.

The adopted amendments are effective September 1, 2015.