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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner

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RE: Opportunity to Review and Comment on Form Interrogatories

Since 1991, the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has prescribed standard form interrogatories under Texas Labor Code §410.159. The form interrogatories are formal sets of questions that are used during discovery before a contested case hearing to obtain written responses from an opposing party. DWC adopted the form interrogatories by reference under 28 Texas Administrative Code §142.19.

In January 2020, DWC requested comments from system participants on the utility and sufficiency of the current interrogatories. After considering stakeholders' comments and performing an internal review, DWC has posted draft revisions to the form interrogatories and draft amendments to §142.19 at:

- [Claimant's Interrogatories to Insurance Carrier;](#)
- [Insurance Carrier's Interrogatories to Claimant;](#) and
- [§142.19 draft amendments.](#)

We will host a virtual stakeholder meeting to discuss the interrogatories on September 2, 2020, at 10 a.m., Central Time, through Zoom. Information on how to connect to the meeting will be available on the TDI website. DWC provides reasonable accommodations for people attending meetings, hearings, or educational events as required by the Americans with Disability Act. If you need accommodations, please contact Cynthia Guillen at 512-804-4275 or at RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov before noon, Central Time, on August 28, 2020.

DWC specifically requests comments on how the interrogatories might be better written using plain language and whether the interrogatories should be translated into Spanish. Email your written comments to RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov. We must receive your written comments by 5 p.m., Central time, on Friday, September 4, 2020. You may also mail or deliver your written comments to:

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