

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in the Tippy Foster Room of the Division of Workers' Compensation's central office located at 7551 Metro Center Drive, Suite 100, Austin, Texas, 78744-1609 (near the intersection of Highway 71 and Riverside Drive).

The Division of Workers' Compensation will hear testimony on new, amended, and repealed rules (28 TAC §126.14 concerning Treating Doctor to Define Compensable Injury; 28 TAC §126.5, 126.6, and 126.7, 28 TAC §130.2 and 130.6, 28 TAC §126.14, 28 TAC §130.5 and 130.110 (repeals) concerning Designated Doctor/Required Medical Examination; 28 TAC §180.21, 180.22, and 180.28 concerning Peer Review; and 28 TAC §133.500 & 133.501 concerning Electronic Medical Billing.) These proposed rules were published in the Texas Register on February 3, 2006 (31 TexReg 664-689), and may be viewed on the TDI Division of Workers' Compensation's website at <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/rules/planning/ruleschart.html>. Although the comment period for these rules closed on March 6, 2006, additional comments will be accepted at the hearing.

The Texas Department of Insurance Division of Workers' Compensation offers reasonable accommodations for persons attending meetings, hearings, or educational events, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations, please contact Idalia Cantu at (512) 804-4403 a minimum of two days prior to the hearing date.

For further information regarding this notice, you may contact Brian White, Assistant General Counsel at (512) 804-4296.