TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), Division of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 in the Tippy Foster Room of the Division's Central Office located at 7551 Metro Center Drive, Suite 100 (near the intersection of Highway 71 and Riverside Drive) in Austin.

The public hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the Division will take testimony on the following rules:

CHAPTER 133 - MEDICAL BILLING AND PROCESSING

Subchapter D - Dispute of Medical Bills

§133.305 Medical Dispute Resolution – General (Repeal)

- §133.305 Medical Dispute Resolution General (New)
- §133.307 Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute (Repeal)

§133.307 Medical Dispute Resolution of Fee Disputes (New)

§133.308 Medical Dispute Resolution by Independent Review Organizations (Repeal)

§133.308 Medical Dispute Resolution by Independent Review Organizations (New)

These proposed rules were published in the *Texas Register* on June 23, 2006, and may be viewed on the TDI website at <u>http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/proposedrules/toc.html</u>. Although the comment period for these rules will close on July 24, 2006, additional comments will be accepted at the hearing.

TDI offers reasonable accommodations for persons attending meetings, hearings, or educational events, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations, contact Idalia Cantu at 512-804-4403 at least of two days prior to the hearing date.

For further information regarding this notice, contact Kevin Haywood of the Division's Legal and Compliance Section at 512-804-4424.