

**Texas Department of Insurance
Workers' Compensation Networks Informal Working Group
March 9, 2006 - 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Hobby Building - Room 100**

Goals of the workers' compensation system of Texas:

- Each employee shall be treated with dignity and respect when injured on the job;
- Each injured employee shall have access to a fair and accessible dispute resolution process;
- Each injured employee shall have access to prompt, high-quality medical care within the framework established by the Texas Workers' Compensation Act;
- Each injured employee shall receive services to facilitate the employee's return to employment as soon as it is considered safe and appropriate by the employee's health care provider.

Purpose of the Workers' Compensation Health Care Network Act:

- Authorize the establishment of workers' compensation health care networks for the provision of workers' compensation medical benefits;
- Provide standards for the certification, administration, evaluation, and enforcement of the delivery of health care services to injured employees by networks.

AGENDA

DWC Stakeholder Meeting regarding Pre-proposal Draft Rules on Medical Dispute Resolution

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome | Audrey Selden
Senior Associate Commissioner
Consumer Protection |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Dispute Resolution – Pre-proposal Draft Rules<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Brief description of purpose○ Open discussion and questions | Allen McDonald
Acting Deputy Commissioner
Workplace and Medical Services |

Break

WCNIWG Meeting

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antitrust statement• Review of ground rules | Audrey Selden
Margaret Lazaretti
Deputy Commissioner
Health and Workers' Compensation
Network Certification and Quality
Assurance Division (HWCN) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss employee acknowledgement form and appropriate notice to employees | Margaret Lazaretti |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss educational materials and outreach strategies | Audrey Selden |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting: March 22, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | |