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Present: Olga Escobedo, Marty Coleman and Debra Diaz-Lara represented HWCN Division

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Antitrust Statement	Marty Coleman read the antitrust plan.	
Exhibit 18 – Notice of Network Requirements	<p>Marty Coleman was presenter.</p> <p>The ‘requirements’ for notice of network requirements can be found in section 10.60 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC). The items we are looking for are listed out in the TAC.</p> <p>Some issues we have identified lately are the lack of a map with key and scale. That has to be part of the Exhibit 18 that goes out to employees.</p> <p>Other issues we have noticed include listings of services that require preauthorization.</p> <p>If there are any questions anyone has on Exhibit 18 or if there are any other questions “stumping” applicants on Exhibit 18 that I can help you with at this time, please feel free to ask any questions and we will answer them here or attempt to answer them as soon as possible.</p> <p>This is the exhibit that goes to the employees, the injured workers. We do read it quite closely. With that caveat, we read it closely to make sure</p>	

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	<p>the employee is going to understand the information presented in the notice.</p> <p>If there are no other questions, I will turn the meeting back to Debra Diaz-Lara.</p>	
Corrections to Exhibits	<p>We have been getting a lot of corrections lately. We still have about 16 applications pending. Some of those include the service area modifications. What we have begun to ask all applicants for is when they do send in their corrections, that we get a 'red line' copy of the corrections with an attestation stating that nothing other than what has been red lined has been changed. When we don't have that and we get a new submission for an exhibit, it requires us to read the entire exhibit. If you have changed something else in that exhibit, it could lead to additional deficiencies down the road. What we are trying to do is make sure we have read what you have sent in, approved it and we can move on through the certification process.</p> <p>I wanted to add also the ultimate approval of the service area does not happen with exhibit 18. We will approve exhibit 18 when the words are correct but the service area must be approved in exhibit 9 before you get the final sign off. We may tell you there are no deficiencies in exhibit 18. However, if you have submitted a map in exhibit 18 that is subsequently reduced, the service area is reduced, then we need a map to go with that. If you describe the service area by</p>	

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	<p>counties, we also need the updated county listing before we will sign off on exhibit 18.</p> <p>Does anyone have any questions about corrections that should be coming in?</p> <p>We currently have 17 networks certified. We have also certified 6 additional service area modifications, and we have several more pending.</p>	
Open for Questions and Discussion	<p>I would like to open the floor up to questions. Any other concerns you would like for us to address?</p> <p>Do you have any suggested topics for the conference call? We will not have one next Thursday. We will all be out of the office and I hope you are all enjoying Thanksgiving next week. We will be back on Thursday, November 30, 2006. Any questions?</p> <p>Our calls are getting shorter and shorter. I would like to remind you if you have questions and you are not comfortable asking them on the conference calls, please send them to us at the WCNet@tdi.state.tx.us mailbox. We will be glad to answer them there. We are also still taking suggestions for conference calls in the WCNet mailbox.</p> <p>Thank you very much. Happy Thanksgiving.</p>	