

**TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
QUESTION/RESOLUTION LOG
PREPARED BY CUSTOMER SERVICES**

DATE REC'D	QUESTION/PROBLEM	DATE ANS'D	RESOLUTION
<p>1-12-06 06-02</p>	<p>Section 415.002(a) of the Act states, “An insurance carrier or its representative commits an administrative violation if that person: (21) makes a statement denying ALL future medical care for a compensable injury; or...”</p> <p>Please define “ALL” medical care.</p> <p>Does this section allow a carrier to deny medical care for a particular body part or condition without being in violation of this section of the Act?</p> <p>Example: An injured worker injures his back and arm. The carrier denies additional medical care for the arm only.</p> <p>Is the denial of additional medical care for the arm only, not the back, considered a denial of ALL medical treatment under this section?</p>	<p>2-21-06</p>	<p>Section 408.021 of the Act provides that an injured employee is entitled to all health care reasonably required by the nature of the injury as and when needed.</p> <p>Once the carrier has accepted compensability of an injury, the carrier may not prospectively deny ALL future medical care for that injury.</p> <p>The denial of ALL future medical care for any individual compensable body part or condition or the denial of ALL future medical care for all of the compensable body parts or conditions would not be in compliance with Section 415.002(a) of the Act.</p>