

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 12, 2009

TO: Insurance Carriers, Health Care Providers, and Interested Parties

FROM: Christopher Bean, Workers' Compensation Counsel

RE: Pharmacy Closed Formulary Stakeholder Meeting – August 20, 2009

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC), will hold a stakeholder meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Central Standard Time). The stakeholder meeting will be held in the Tippy Foster Room at the TDI-DWC Central Office, 7551 Metro Center Drive, Suite 100 in Austin (http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/webinfo/tdidwc.html).

The purpose of the meeting is to provide workers' compensation system participants, their agents and interested persons further opportunity to comment on the implementation of amended Texas Labor Code §408.028(b) enacted by the 79th Texas Legislature (House Bill 7) and the proposed informal working draft of 28 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 134 - Subchapter F, Pharmaceutical Benefits, commonly referred to as the "Closed Pharmacy Formulary" rules.

The meeting agenda includes two items: overview of the informal working draft rules; and stakeholder input and comments on informal draft rules.

To listen to the audio stream of the stakeholder meeting, access the TDI-DWC Public Outreach Events/Training Calendar on the TDI website at http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/events/. Click the link to live webcast under the stakeholder meeting date. The applications Media Player 7 (or newer version) or RealPlayer 10 (or newer version) are required to hear the audio stream. Audio streaming will begin approximately five minutes before the stakeholder meeting begins.

For more information about the meeting, contact Christopher Voegele at 512-804-4856 or Christopher.Voegele@tdi.state.tx.us.