



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 2009

TO: Insurance Carriers, Health Care Providers and Interested Parties

FROM: Matthew Zurek, Executive Deputy Commissioner
Health Care Management

RE: Pharmacy Closed Formulary Stakeholder Meeting – March 5, 2009

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC), has scheduled a stakeholder meeting on Thursday, March 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Central Time). The meeting will take place at the TDI-DWC Central Office, 7551 Metro Center Drive, Suite 100, Austin, Texas in the Tippy Foster Meeting Room 1.107A, <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/webinfo/tdidwc.html>. TDI-DWC will audio stream the stakeholder meeting for persons who are unable to appear in person.

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/index.html>. Then click on the "Broadcast" link for the stakeholder meeting. The applications Media Player 7 (or new 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.

AGENDA

Introductions

Part I - Overview of the Informal Working Draft Rules

Part II - Stakeholder discussion of issue specific topics based on informal comments

- Apply rules to all medications so that refills during transition are covered as well
- Licensed pharmacy limitation
- Based on date "prescribed" or "dispensed?" Reasons?
- Acute injury vs. chronic injury formularies
- Statement of Medical Necessity
- Compounding
- Preauthorization

Part III - Further rule development and stakeholder input considerations beyond the Informal Working Draft Rules

- Application to legacy claims
- Long term narcotic/opioid use

Next Steps

The December 16, 2008 Informal Working Draft Rules can be found at:
www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/rules/documents/drpharm1208.pdf.

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 Salazar at 512-804-4403 at least of two business days prior to the public hearing date.

Questions or comments may be directed by email to: Christopher.Voegele@tdi.state.tx.us