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Subject: **Proposal to Adopt New 28 TAC 137.5 Regarding Case Management**

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is accepting public comment on proposed new rule 28 Texas Administrative Code §137.5 regarding case management. The proposal was published in the November 27, 2009 issue of the Texas Register and may be accessed at <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/rules/proposedrules/index.html>. **The public comment period closes Monday, January 11, 2010 at 5 p.m. (Central Standard Time).**

Public comments may be submitted to TDI-DWC by e-mailing rulecomments@tdi.state.tx.us or by mailing or delivering the comments to Maria Jimenez at:

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The purpose of the proposed rule is to implement statutory amendments to Texas Labor Code §401.011(5-a) and §413.021 under House Bill 7, enacted by the 79th Legislature, Regular Session (effective September 1, 2005) and Senate Bill 1814, enacted by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session (effective June 19, 2009). **This new rule clarifies that case managers are required to be certified, provides direction on credentialing requirements, and offers guidance on the implementation of case managers in the Texas non-network workers' compensation system.**

If there are any questions regarding the information in this memo, contact Patrick Hyde at 512-804-4295 or by e-mail at Patrick.Hyde@tdi.state.tx.us.

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