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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

COVID-19 ADVISORY

March 26, 2020 | RE: WORKERS' COMP SUSPENSION OF EXAMS & BILLING DEADLINES

Until further notice, TDI's Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has temporarily suspended required medical examinations (RME), designated doctor (DD) and referral exams.

The DWC is ceasing orders for DD exams and holding requests. Those who encounter special circumstances as a result of this suspension are encouraged to contact DWC at 1-800-252-7031 and select option 1.

Additionally, due to COVID-19's qualification as a catastrophic event under [Labor Code Section 408.0272\(b\)\(2\)](#), the DWC has also suspended the penalty that normally applies to providers that fail to submit a timely medical bill, granting them added time and flexibility to file workers' compensation claims with insurance carriers without having to forfeit their right to reimbursement.

DWC will take into account the challenges system participants are facing when considering enforcement actions. As this issue evolves, DWC will continue to evaluate system and agency operations.

To view the TDI Commissioner's bulletin outlining the above workers' compensation issues in full, visit: <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/bulletins/2020/B-0010-20.html>

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<https://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/information/coronavirus.html>