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March 13, 2008

Dear PCOT/BVPO Membership:

The Board of Directors of PCOT and Board of Managers of BVPO have executed a workers' compensation contract with The Alliance. The Alliance is a partnership of The Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund, The Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool, The Texas Association of Counties Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund, The Texas Council Risk Management Fund, and the Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund.

A summary of the contract is attached with a client list. This partnership collectively represents over 500,000 employees and volunteers in the Texas Market. Other helpful information is also attached for your convenience. Their website is www.pswca.org.

Please indicate your practice's plans to participate in this Workers' Comp Plan by checking one of the boxes below. This response should be mailed to PCOT, 1130 Doctors Drive, Ste. B, Tyler, Texas 75701 or faxed to the attention of Belinda Cook at 903-526-2320. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated. Please return to the PCOT by May 1, 2008.

Sincerely,

Brenda Shepherd, MBA, CPC, CPCS
Executive Director

☐ Yes, our practice will accept these fees and all physicians in the practice will participate in the workers' comp plan with Alliance WC.

☐ No, our practice does not wish to participate in the workers' comp plan with Alliance WC.

Date: _____ Practice Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

1310 Doctors Dr. Ste B Tyler, Texas 75701
903-526-3268 or 1-888-248-1907 Fax: 903-526-2320
info@pcot.org www.PCOT.org

Physicians Contracting Organization of Texas			
Contract Review Worksheet			
Date:		1/22/2008	
Background Information			Notes
1	Payor Name, Organizational Status	Alliance WC	
2	Type of Organization	Workers' Compensation Only	
3	Type Product (any ERISA Plans?)	Workers' Compensation Only	
4	Background Due Diligence, OIG Exclusion, TDI	Formed by HB7; for government Ees; School Districts; Police and Fire Depts.; City, County Governments	
5	Number of covered lives, major employers	See list attached	
6	Hospital affiliations		
7	Laboratory affiliations		
8	Benefit plan description (Covered Services defined)	Workers' Compensation Only	
9	Provider procedure manual	Must follow standard WC guidelines set by State of Texas; provider manual received	
10	References/ Notes		
Terms			Notes
** 11	PCOT Agency Status defined	yes	
12	Each party responsible for their own acts	yes	
	Indemnify and hold harmless	yes	
	Arbitration & mediation non binding	yes	
** 13	No assignment without consent (Silent PPO)	yes	
14	No all products clauses	na	
15	No marketing w/o consent	yes	
** 16	Credentialing delegated	yes	
** 17	Members can not be terminated w/o cause	no; utilization will be reviewed TBD for participation	
** 18	Adequate grievance process	yes; follows and regulated by TDI	
19	Modifications must be mutually accepted	yes; unless to comply with regulatory changes in laws	
** 20	Access and confidentiality reasonable	yes	
21	Members may charge for requested medical records	no per TMB requirements	
22	Governed by Texas Law, Smith Co. preferred	texas	
** 23	Max liability insurance required 200,000/ 600,000	follows community standard	
** 24	Term: 1 year max	yes	
25	Auto renewal	yes	
** 26	Termination w/o cause not > 90 days	yes	
27	Termination Tail reasonable		
28	HIPAA language-code sets	yes	
Billing/ Compensation			Notes
29	Claims processor (payor) identified	yes	
** 30	Claims paid < 30 days or 45 days if paper	follows TDI rules	
31	Penalty for non timely payment (Predetermined)	follows TDI rules	
32	Payment to Non-Physician Providers	yes	
33	Standard filing form (CMS 1500) acceptable; electronic file	yes	
34	Right to coordination of benefits payments	yes	
35	Retroactive adjustments within 90 days	no language; follow TDI rules	
36	Enrollee identification process specified	yes	
** 37	Complete fee schedule	140% of current year Medicare for E&M; CPT 10021-69990 175% of current year Medicare.	
	Non Specified	see Exhibit A for functional codes	
	Workers Comp	WC Only	
	Meets BVPO Minimum Criteria		
38	Fee schedule fixed for contract period		
39	Fee schedule review & increase at renewal (auto escalate)		
40	New CPT Code Changes/Updates effective January 1st	yes; upon Medicare's adoption	
Notes			
			www.pswca.org
			Precert/Authorization List attached

EXHIBIT A
FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE ALLIANCE

1. Except as provided in paragraph two, three and four below, all contracted Health Care Services will be reimbursed the lesser of Contract Provider's usual and customary charge or a reimbursement using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) fee schedule with a conversion factor multiplier of 140%. Anything not covered by CMS fee schedule will be paid according to the rules of the Division of Workers' Compensation and the Workers' Compensation Act.
2. For codes specific to functional capacity evaluations, work hardening, work conditioning, chronic pain management, and outpatient rehab, a schedule of fees is provided:

Work Conditioning	97545-WC	\$32.00 (Carf accreditation)	First two hours
Work Conditioning	97545-WC	\$25.00 (Non-Carf)	First two hours
Work Conditioning	97546-WC	\$32.00 (Carf accreditation)	Each additional hour
Work Conditioning	97546-WC	\$25.00 (Non-Carf)	Each additional hour
Work Hardening	97545-WH	\$56.00 (Carf accreditation)	First two hours
Work Hardening	97545-WH	\$45.00 (Non-Carf)	First two hours
Work Hardening	97546-WH	\$56.00 (Carf accreditation)	Each additional hour
Work Hardening	97546-WH	\$45.00 (Non-Carf)	Each additional hour
Outpatient Med Rehab	Unlisted-MR	\$79.00 (Carf accreditation)	Per hour
Outpatient Med Rehab	Unlisted-MR	\$63.00 (Non-Carf)	Per hour
Chronic Pain Mgmt	Unlisted-CP	\$110.00 (Carf accreditation)	Per hour
Chronic Pain Mgmt	Unlisted-CP	\$88.00 (Non-Carf)	Per hour

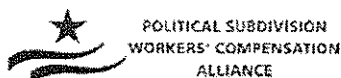
3. The following contracted Health Care Services will be reimbursed at the effective conversion factor adopted by CMS multiplied by 175%

All surgery CPT codes 10021-69990

4. For products and services for which the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") or the Division does not establish a relative value unit and/or a payment amount, The Alliance shall assign a relative value, which may be based on nationally recognized published relative value studies, published Division medical dispute decisions, and values assigned for services involving similar work and resource commitments.

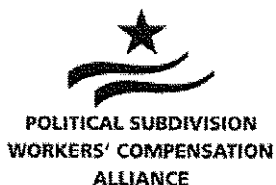
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About The Alliance



Political Subdivision Workers' Compensation Alliance
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 Austin, TX 78767-0763
 Phone#: 866-997-7922
 General Email: info@pswca.org
 Issues: customerservices@pswca.org
 Provider Nominations: providerrelations@pswca.org

Texas political subdivisions have the opportunity to create cooperative relationships with health care providers in workers' compensation due to changes in the law in 2005. Those changes provide an alternative to the traditional statutory scheme and allow political subdivisions to directly contract with providers for treatment of public employees who are injured on the job. This Political Subdivision Workers' Compensation Alliance direct-contracting program is designed to be a cooperative relationship, and we encourage dialogue on issues that arise in the medical treatment of public employees injured on the job.

The contract (Agreement) between a political subdivision or an intergovernmental risk pool and a provider will define many of the administrative and medical management aspects of treatment of injured workers within the broader framework of the Labor Code provisions and adopted rules that apply to workers' compensation generally, and those that apply to political subdivisions specifically.

The Alliance anticipates that a number of long-term benefits are available to participating providers and to taxpayer-funded political subdivisions through participation in this initiative. As instrumentalities of local government, the Pools participating in the Alliance are not motivated by profit, rather the Pools' goal is to provide quality medical care to their public employees without spending unnecessary public dollars and under terms agreeable to the quality providers sought by the Alliance.

Alliance Members

Collectively, these Pools provide workers' compensation benefits to almost 3000 public employers including public schools; junior colleges; counties; cities; hospital, water districts; river authorities; community mental health mental retardation centers, and over 500,000 public employees.



Texas Association of Counties

For more than 25 years, Counties have been banding together through the Texas Association of Counties to self-insure against a broad range of liabilities. Owned and managed by counties, these programs through the years have saved Texas taxpayers millions of dollars and grown into a stable, sustainable resource of protection. In addition to rates below the commercial market, TAC's loss control programs work for our counties to help curb rising insurance costs. As a non-profit organization, our goals with these coverage's are to provide counties and other related entities with what they need—reliable protection, responsive service, and effective loss control.



Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund

The TASB Risk Management Fund serves Texas school districts and other local governments by providing innovative, high quality, financially sound, competitive risk management services in support of TASB's mission to promote educational excellence for Texas schoolchildren.

The Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund (The Fund) is a self-insurance risk pool serving Texas school districts, community colleges, education service centers, and county appraisal districts. The Fund has been in existence since 1974 and provides Workers' Compensation, Property, Liability and Unemployment Compensation coverage to more than 1100 members. The Fund is NOT an insurance company. Rather, the Fund is a risk-sharing pool, in which members collectively self-insure their exposures through an Interlocal participation agreement. The Fund is governed by a 19 member Board of Trustees and contracts with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) for

and claims handling, and serve as an expert source of information on risk management for cities, other units of local government and the Texas Municipal League.

The Pool is an interlocal agency offering workers' compensation, liability, and property protection to Texas political subdivisions including: Airport Authorities, Cities, Conservation & Reclamation Districts, Councils of Government, Drainage Districts, Fire Districts / Emergency Service Districts, Flood Control Districts, Hospital Districts, Housing Authorities, Downtown Management & Improvement Districts, Mental Health / Mental Retardation Agencies, Municipal Utility Districts, Navigation Districts, Public Library Districts, Public Utility Boards, River Authorities, Tax Appraisal Districts, Transit Authorities, Water & Irrigation Districts, and 911 Districts.



Texas Council Risk Management Fund

The Texas Council Risk Management Fund is a self-insurance pool formed by Texas community MHMR centers to provide a comprehensive program of self-insurance for member centers. Through this program, community centers pool their risks and combine resources to obtain greater stability and economies of scale for risk management. The Fund exists solely to provide coverage protection and risk management services for its members. Its objectives are to provide long-term stability in coverage, attain lower costs, develop improved risk management practices, and allow its members more control over their management of risk.

The Fund was created in 1988 under the sponsorship of the Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers, Inc. The Fund provides workers' compensation, liability, and property coverage programs. In addition to self-insurance coverage, member centers receive risk management services tailored to meet their unique needs. Services designed to prevent losses and contain costs are cornerstones of the Fund. These include liability workshops, legal consultation, risk management assessments, and specialized training.

Membership in the Fund represents the diversity of the state. It includes small community MHMR centers in predominantly rural areas as well as centers located in large urban areas. Some member centers serve a single county, and others serve very large multi-county areas.



Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund

The Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund was created by Texas water districts and authorities to provide self-insurance and risk management services for the Fund's members. The sole purpose of the Fund is to provide coverage protection for its member water districts and authorities. Four types of basic coverage are available: workers' compensation, liability, property, and group benefits.

The Fund is a self-insurance pool created under Texas law through interlocal agreements among water districts and authorities and the Fund. In addition to self-insurance coverage, member districts and authorities receive risk management, legal, and loss prevention services designed to meet the unique needs of water entities in Texas. The Fund was created in 1988 under the sponsorship of the Texas Water Conservation Association. As a member-owned and governed program, the Fund is uniquely positioned to understand and respond to changes in members' operating environment.

Membership in the Fund includes river authorities, municipal water districts and authorities, municipal utility districts, water control and improvement districts, groundwater conservation districts, port authorities, navigation districts, irrigation districts, and drainage districts. Loss prevention is a high priority for the Fund. This is reflected in the broad range of services, including surveys and consultations, risk management assessments, specialized training, and other loss prevention resources provided to members.

management and operation of its programs.



Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

The mission of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool is to provide Texas municipalities and other units of local government with a stable source of risk financing and loss prevention services at the lowest cost consistent with sound business practices.

The Pool's programs are built with the members' goals and needs in mind. As the mission statement is the Pool's foundation, the following objectives are its building blocks: provide a stable risk financing system, educate members about avoiding and reducing risks, control losses with effective legal defense

ACCESS	Cherokee
Alto	Cherokee
Alto Housing Authority	Cherokee
Cuney	Cherokee
Gallatin	Cherokee
Jacksonville	Cherokee
New Summerfield	Cherokee
Reklaw	Cherokee
Rusk	Cherokee
Rusk Housing Authority	Cherokee
Wells	Cherokee
Cherokee County	Cherokee
Cherokee County Appraisal District	Cherokee

Sabine Valley Center	Gregg
Region VII Education Service Center	Gregg
Clarksville City	Gregg
East Texas COG	Gregg
Easton	Gregg
Gladewater	Gregg
Gladewater Housing Authority	Gregg
Kilgore	Gregg
Lakeport	Gregg
Longview	Gregg
Warren City	Gregg
White Oak	Gregg
Gregg County	Gregg

LaPoynor ISD	Henderson
Trinity Valley Community College	Henderson
Athens	Henderson
Athens Municipal Water Auth	Henderson
Berryville	Henderson
Brownsboro	Henderson
Caney City	Henderson
Chandler	Henderson
East Cedar Creek FWSD	Henderson
Enchanted Oaks	Henderson
Eustace	Henderson
Gun Barrel City	Henderson
Henderson County ESD #1	Henderson
Henderson County ESD #4	Henderson
Henderson County 911 District	Henderson
Log Cabin	Henderson
Malakoff	Henderson
Malakoff Housing Authority	Henderson
Murchison	Henderson
Payne Springs	Henderson
Poynor	Henderson
Seven Points	Henderson

Star Harbor	Henderson
Tool	Henderson
Trinidad	Henderson
Trinidad Housing Authority	Henderson
Henderson County	Henderson

Chaik Hill SUD	Rusk
Henderson	Rusk
Henderson Housing Authority	Rusk
Mount Enterprise	Rusk
New London	Rusk
Overton	Rusk
Overton Housing Authority	Rusk
Rusk Co. SWCD #447	Rusk
Rusk County ESD #1	Rusk
Tatum	Rusk
Tatum Housing Authority	Rusk
Rusk County	Rusk

Andrews Center	Smith
Tyler Junior College	Smith
Arp	Smith
Bullard	Smith
Emerald Bay MUD	Smith
Lindale	Smith
Noonday	Smith
Northeast Texas Public Health District	Smith
Smith County ESD #1	Smith
Smith County WCID #1	Smith
Smith County 911 Comm Dist	Smith
Smith CAD	Smith
Troup	Smith
Tyler-Transit Management	Smith
Whitehouse	Smith
Winona	Smith
Smith County	Smith

Union Grove ISD	Upshur
Union Hill ISD	Upshur
Upshur County SSA	Upshur
Big Sandy	Upshur
Big Sandy Housing Authority	Upshur
Diana Special Utility District	Upshur
Gilmer	Upshur
Gilmer Housing Authority	Upshur
Ore City	Upshur
Upshur CAD	Upshur
Upshur-Gregg County SWCD	Upshur
Upshur County	Upshur

Canton	Van Zandt
Edgewood	Van Zandt

Edgewood Housing Authority	Van Zandt
Fruitvale	Van Zandt
Fruitvale Housing Authority	Van Zandt
Grand Saline	Van Zandt
Grand Saline Housing Authority	Van Zandt
Van	Van Zandt
Van Housing Authority	Van Zandt
Van Zandt CAD	Van Zandt
Wills Point	Van Zandt
Van Zandt County	Van Zandt

Alba	Wood
Alba Housing Authority	Wood
Hawkins	Wood
Mineola	Wood
Mineola Housing Authority	Wood
Quitman	Wood
Winnsboro	Wood
Winnsboro Housing Authority	Wood
Wood CAD	Wood
Yantis	Wood
Wood County	Wood
Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste District	Wood

Member	County
Brazos CAD	Brazos
Brazos Co ESD #1	Brazos
Brazos County Emergency 911	Brazos
Brazos County ESD #2	Brazos
Brazos County ESD #4	Brazos
Brazos Valley COG	Brazos
Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservat	Brazos
Bryan Housing Authority	Brazos
College Station ISD	Brazos
Kurten	Brazos
MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley	Brazos
Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conserva	Brazos
Texas Municipal Power Agency	Brazos
Wickson Creek SUD	Brazos
Wixon Valley	Brazos
Brazos County	Brazos
Brazos River Harbor Navigational District	Brazos

Burleson County Appraisal District	Burleson
Burleson County MUD #1	Burleson
Caldwell	Burleson
Caldwell Housing Authority	Burleson
Snook	Burleson
Snook ISD	Burleson
Somerville	Burleson
Burleson County	Burleson

Anderson	Grimes
Anderson-Shiro CISD	Grimes
Bedias	Grimes
Grimes CAD	Grimes
Grimes County	Grimes
Navasota	Grimes
Navasota Housing Authority	Grimes
Navasota ISD	Grimes
Richards ISD	Grimes
Todd Mission	Grimes
Madison CAD	Madison
Madison County	Madison
Madisonville	Madison
Madisonville CISD	Madison
Madisonville Housing Authority	Madison
Midway	Madison
North Zulch MUD	Madison
Brenham	Washington
Brenham Housing Authority	Washington
Burton	Washington
Burton ISD	Washington
Washington County	Washington

Giddings ISD	Lee
Giddings	Lee
Lee CAD	Lee
Lexington	Lee
Lee County	Lee
Centerville ISD-Leon County	Leon
Leon ISD	Leon
Normangee ISD	Leon
Buffalo	Leon
Buffalo Housing Authority	Leon
Centerville	Leon
Centerville Housing Authority	Leon
Jewett	Leon
Leon CAD	Leon
Leona	Leon
Marquez	Leon
Normangee	Leon
Oakwood	Leon
Leon County	Leon
Bremond	Robertson
Bremond Housing Authority	Robertson
Calvert	Robertson
Calvert Housing Authority	Robertson
Franklin	Robertson
Franklin Housing Authority	Robertson
Hearne	Robertson
Hearne Housing Authority	Robertson
Robertson CAD	Robertson
Robertson County	Robertson
Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservat	Brazos
Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conserva	Brazos
MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley	Brazos
College Station ISD	Brazos
Brazos Co ESD #1	Brazos
Brazos County Emergency 911	Brazos
Brazos County ESD #2	Brazos
Brazos County ESD #4	Brazos
Brazos CAD	Brazos
Brazos Valley COG	Brazos
Bryan Housing Authority	Brazos
Kurten	Brazos
Texas Municipal Power Agency	Brazos
Wickson Creek SUD	Brazos
Wixon Valley	Brazos
Brazos County	Brazos
Brazos River Harbor Navigational District	Brazos

III. Contact Information for Participating Intergovernmental Risk Pools

Texas Association of Counties Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund

Texas Association of Counties Claims Administrator

JJ Specialty Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 160120

Austin, TX 78716

Phone: 800-752-6301 • Fax: 512-346-9321

<http://www.county.org/cms/wc/index.asp>

<http://www.county.org/cms/whotocontact.asp>

For preauthorization information, see pages 14-15 of this Manual.

Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund

P.O. Box 2010

Austin, TX 78768-2010

Phone: 800-482-7276 • Fax: 800-580-6720

www.tasbrmf.org

For preauthorization information, see pages 14-15 of this Manual.

Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

P.O. Box 149194

Austin, TX 78714-9194

Phone: 800-537-6655

<http://www.tmlirp.org/tmlirp/index.html>

<http://www.tmlirp.org/tmlirp/wccontct.htm> for Contact List

For preauthorization information, see pages 14-15 of this Manual

Texas Council Risk Management Fund

P.O. Box 26655

Austin, TX 78755-0655

<http://www.termf.org>

Phone: 512-346-5314 • Fax: 512-346-9321

Toll Free Number: 800-580-6467

For preauthorization information, see pages 14-15 of this Manual

Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund

P.O. Box 26655

Austin, TX 78755-0655

<http://www.twcarmf.org>

Phone: 512-346-5314 • Fax: 512-346-9321

Toll Free Number: 800-580-8922

For preauthorization information, see pages 14-15 of this Manual.

PREAUTHORIZATION CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS FOR EACH POOL

Texas Association of Counties Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund

Texas Association of Counties Claims Administrator, JI Specialty Services, Inc.

<http://www.county.org/cms/whotocontact.asp>

Preauthorization:

Preauthorization Phone Number: 888-580-6805

Preauthorization Fax Number: 888-853-8755

Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund

www.tasbrmf.org

Preauthorization:

Preauthorization Phone Number: 800-482-7276 x 6654

Preauthorization Fax Number: 888-777-8272

Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

<http://www.tmlirp.org/tmlirp/workcomp.htm>

Preauthorization (Note that TASB-RMF, Inc. handles preauthorization for TML-IRP claims)

Preauthorization Phone Number: 800-482-7276 x 6654

Preauthorization Fax Number: 888-777-8272

Texas Council Risk Management Fund

<http://www.tcrmf.org>

Preauthorization Only

Preauthorization Phone Number: 888-580-6805

Preauthorization Fax Number: 888-853-8755

Texas Water Conservation Association Risk Management Fund

<http://www.twcarmf.org>

JI Specialty Services, Inc., Claims Administrator

Preauthorization Only:

Preauthorization Phone Number: 888-580-6805

Preauthorization Fax Number: 888-853-8755

APPENDIX A

LIST OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES THAT REQUIRE PREAUTHORIZATION (LIST DATE MARCH 1, 2007)

The Alliance may modify this list from time to time. The Alliance will notify Contract Providers of changes to this list by posting changes on the Alliance website, or through other notifications.

Post-stabilization treatment and treatments and services for an Emergency or a Life-Threatening condition do not require preauthorization.

Note: With the exception of the added requirement found at (11) (b) regarding Class II, III, & IV narcotics, this preauthorization list is identical to the Division of Workers' Compensation preauthorization list (administrative rule 134.600) that was in effect on March 1, 2007.

Non-emergency health care that requires preauthorization includes:

- (1) inpatient hospital admissions, including the principal scheduled procedure(s) and the length of stay;
- (2) outpatient surgical or ambulatory surgical services as defined in subsection (a) of this section;
- (3) spinal surgery;
- (4) all non-exempted work hardening or non-exempted work conditioning programs;
- (5) physical and occupational therapy services, which includes those services listed in the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) at the following levels:
 - (A) Level I code range for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, but limited to:
 - (i) Modalities, both supervised and constant attendance;
 - (ii) Therapeutic procedures, excluding work hardening and work conditioning;
 - (iii) Orthotics/Prosthetics Management;
 - (iv) Other procedures, limited to the unlisted physical medicine and rehabilitation procedure code; and
 - (B) Level II temporary code(s) for physical and occupational therapy services provided in a home setting;
 - (C) except for the first six visits of physical or occupational therapy following the evaluation when such treatment is rendered within the first two weeks immediately following:
 - (i) the date of injury, or
 - (ii) a surgical intervention previously preauthorized by the carrier;
- (6) any investigational or experimental service or device for which there is early, developing scientific or clinical evidence demonstrating the potential efficacy of the treatment, service, or device but that is not yet broadly accepted as the prevailing standard of care;
- (7) all psychological testing and psychotherapy, repeat interviews, and biofeedback, except when any service is part of a preauthorized or Division exempted return-to-work rehabilitation program;
- (8) unless otherwise specified in this subsection, a repeat individual diagnostic study:
 - (A) with a reimbursement rate of greater than \$350 as established in the current Medical Fee Guideline, or
 - (B) without a reimbursement rate established in the current Medical Fee Guideline;
- (9) all durable medical equipment (DME) in excess of \$500 billed charges per item (either purchase or expected cumulative rental);
- (10) chronic pain management/interdisciplinary pain rehabilitation;

(11) drugs not included in:

(a) the Division's formulary, and

(b) Class II, Class III, and Class IV prescribed for a period exceeding 60 days.

(12) treatments and services that exceed or are not addressed by the Alliance adopted treatment guidelines or protocols and are not contained in a treatment plan preauthorized by the carrier; (13) required treatment plans; and

(14) any treatment for an injury or diagnosis that is not accepted by the carrier pursuant to Labor Code §408.0042 and §126.14 of this title (relating to Treating Doctor Examination to Define the Compensable Injury).

(q) The health care requiring concurrent review for an extension for previously approved services includes:

(1) inpatient length of stay;

(2) all non-exempted work hardening or non-exempted work conditioning programs;

(3) physical and occupational therapy services as referenced in subsection (p)(5) of this section;

(4) investigational or experimental services or use of devices;

(5) chronic pain management/interdisciplinary pain rehabilitation; and

(6) required treatment plans.

---END OF REQUIRED PREAUTHORIZATION LIST---

XI. Other Useful Information Resources and Web Links

Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation
Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Albert Betts

General Information

Home Page: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/indexwc.html>

About Workers' Compensation (brief summary):
<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/information/aboutwc.html>

DWC Programs: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/programs.html>

Forms

General Forms: [Forms](#)

Work Status Form: [dwc73.pdf](#)

Request for Prospective Review of Medical Care Not Requiring Preauthorization: [dwc49.pdf](#)

Report of Maximum Medical Evaluation: [dwc69.pdf](#)

Stay at Work/Return to Work Program

Stay at Work/Return to Work Program information:
<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/mr/rtw/rtw.html>

Law and Rules Applicable to Workers' Compensation:

Act: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/act/act.html>

Rules: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/rules/tableofcontents/rulesoptions.html>

Rules Proposed and Adopted by Year: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/rules/2006/parules.html>

Division of Workers' Compensation Website Links Of Interest to:

Workers/Trabajadores

- [Benefits](#)
- [Benefits Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Field Office Locations](#)
- [Find a Doctor](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Injured Worker Forms](#)
- [Injured Worker Rights & Responsibilities](#)
- [Report an Injury](#)
- [Return to Work](#)
- [Safety Violations Hotline](#)
- [Health Care Networks for Injured Employees](#)

Health Care Providers

- [Approved Doctor Information](#)
- [Designated Doctor and Impairment Rating Education](#)
- [Forms](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Health Care Technical Update](#)
- [Helpful Hints to Providers Regarding DWC 75](#)
- [Medical and Facility Fees](#)
- [Medical Fee Dispute Resolution](#)
- [MORP Application for Membership](#)
- [MORP Purpose & Background](#)
- [Prospective Review of Medical Care Not Requiring Preauthorization](#)
- [Work Hardening and Work Conditioning Programs Exempted from Preauthorization and Concurrent Review](#)

Employers

- [Benefits Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Coverage Notices](#)
- [Employer Forms](#)
- [Employer Rights & Responsibilities](#)
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