

**ADVISORY NO. 286**  
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**TOPIC: 5<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE AMA GUIDES**

Sometime this fall, the AMA should publish the *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*.

You will recall from last month's *FOLIO*, that the Commission as adopted the *4<sup>th</sup> Edition* of the AMA Guideline. However, they have postponed the implementation of the guideline under after the legislative session.

TWCC will receive public comment about the appropriateness of the *4<sup>th</sup>* versus the *5<sup>th</sup> Edition*. If the *5<sup>th</sup> Edition* is deemed to be more current and a better edition for use, then TWCC will urge the Legislature to give it permission to adopt the *5<sup>th</sup> Edition* in lieu of the *4<sup>th</sup>*.

There is an obvious advantage to be consistent with the rest of the country. There is no point in continuing to use an outdated guideline. The *4<sup>th</sup> Edition* was problematic from the point of view that it would soon be superceded by the *5<sup>th</sup>*. This process will give TWCC an opportunity to compare the two and make recommendations for legislative action.

The Medical Review Division will seek the advice of system participants following publication of the *AMA 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*. If you would like to be invited to group meetings, you should notify TWCC of your interest. They may be contacted about this issue as the following email address:

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