

ADVISORY NO. 341
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TOPIC: TWCC CHANGES PHARMACY RULE
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

At the August 29th public meeting, TWCC proposed changes to the pharmacy rule. See 134.502 (proposed changes available on TWCC web site).

The new rule deletes the requirement to request a letter of medical necessity. In addition, the new rule amends the requirements for sending an EOB. When REDUCING a bill, the carrier must send the EOB to the pharmacist only (this is a change). When DENYING a bill send the EOB to the employee, the pharmacist, and the prescribing doctor (this is the same as before).

Both changes will be official upon adoption of the new rule, and they will become effective immediately because of an executive advisory. As per the attached TWCC Advisory 2002 –14, TWCC is suspending enforcement of expanded EOB requirement and the letter of medical necessity pending the formal adoption of these changes.