



ADVISORY NO. 525-Correction

TOPIC: Reimbursement Rate for Travel for Medical Treatment

On June 9, 2022, the Internal Revenue Service announced an increase in the standard mileage rate for the final 6 months of 2022 to 62.5 cents per mile. This is up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of the year.

The IRS standard mileage rate does not control the reimbursement rate for travel to obtain medical treatment for injured employees. This is tied to the rate established for Texas state employees as provided in Division of Workers' Compensation Rule 134.110(d). However, on June 24, 2022, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts announced that Texas will follow the IRS in raising the reimbursement rate.

Therefore, effective July 1, 2022, for travel incurred by an injured employee for medical treatment for the compensable injury that is not reasonably available within 30 miles from where the injured employee lives, the rate will increase to \$0.625 per mile. The current rates will always be available on the Comptroller's website at: <https://fmx.cpa.texas.gov/fmx/travel/texttravel/rates/current.php>

The rates for travel for the following year are usually announced in August and remain the same for the entire calendar year. It is unusual but not unprecedented for the IRS and the Comptroller to change the rate mid-year.