

Health care providers receiving referrals from designated doctors

Additional referral testing or evaluations

The designated doctor (DD) must perform additional testing when necessary to resolve the issue in question. The DD must refer an injured employee to other health care providers (referred providers) when the referral is necessary to resolve the issue in question, and the DD is not qualified to fully resolve it. 28 Texas Administrative Code §127.10(c).

- Preauthorization is not required for any additional referral testing or evaluations.
- An insurance carrier may not deny the additional testing or evaluations that the DD has determined are necessary, either prospectively or retrospectively, regardless of any potential disagreements about medical necessity, extent of injury, or compensability.
- An insurance carrier may not deny a referred provider's additional testing or evaluations for being outside of a network. DDs may make referrals for a certified workers' compensation network or political subdivision claim to referred providers in network or out of network.
- An insurance carrier may review the referred provider's medical bill for issues other than medical necessity, extent of injury, or compensability for example proper billing, coding, and documentation.
- Reimbursement for additional testing or evaluations will be made according to the Texas Department
 of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation's (DWC) medical fee guidelines or according to an
 applicable network or political subdivision contract.
- Payment for additional referral testing or evaluations is subject to the <u>financial disclosure</u> requirements in 28 TAC §180.24.

Billing

Referred providers must submit their medical bills to the workers' compensation insurance carrier within 95 days from the date of service. The workers' compensation insurance billing information and assignment number will be provided on DWC's DD order form (OA32A). The assignment number **must** be on the referred provider's medical bill submitted on or after June 1, 2024.

See 28 TAC §133.10 and the example on the example on the next page for instructions on how to complete your medical bill.

Assignment number

The DD provides the assignment number from DWC's DD order form (0A32A) to the referred provider. This number **must** be on the referred provider's medical bill in the preauthorization field:

- CMS1500 box 23 (professional or non-institutional medical bills).
- UB04 box 63 (institutional medical bills).
- DWC066 box 30 (pharmacy bills).
- 2006 Dental ADA form box 2 (dental bills).

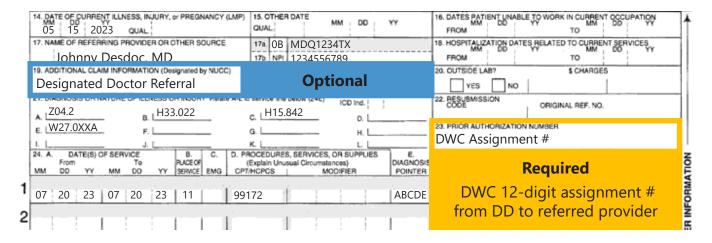
Questions?

If you have any questions about billing or financial disclosure, call or email CompConnection.



Examples

Professional medical bill (CMS1500)



DD order (OA32A)

