



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48
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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

BERNIE MCCASKILL

Respondent Name

HARTFORD INSURANCE COMPANY OF

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-13-1759-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 47

MFDR Date Received

March 11, 2013

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "We have billed for a level 3, MMI/IR examination by the treating doctor. Carrier has paid for the MMI only and made no payment for the Impairment Rating done by DRE method. This has resulted in a short payment of \$150.00."

Amount in Dispute: \$150.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: No carrier response from the carrier.

Response Submitted by: n/a

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
October 29, 2012	CPT Code 99455-V3-WP	\$150.00	\$150.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

- 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
- 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.204 sets out the fee guideline for workers' compensation specific services.
- The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
 - W1 – WORKERS COMPENSATION STATE FEE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT
 - QA – THE AMOUNT ADJUSTED IS DUE TO BUNDLING OR UNBUNDLING OF SERVICES

Issues

- Were the disputed services billed in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.204?
- Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement?

Findings

1. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.204 (j)(4) states “The following applies for billing and reimbursement of an IR evaluation. (A) The HCP shall include billing components of the IR evaluation with the applicable MMI evaluation CPT code. The number of body areas rated shall be indicated in the units column of the billing form. (C) For musculoskeletal body areas, the examining doctor may bill for a maximum of three body areas. (i) Musculoskeletal body areas are defined as follows:

- (I) spine and pelvis;
- (II) upper extremities and hands; and,
- (III) lower extremities (including feet).”

Review of medical bills and documentation provided the performing doctor billed the disputed service October 29, 2012 with procedure code 99455-V3-WP with one unit in the amount of \$325.00. Examination report indicates a Maximum Medical Improvement and Impairment Rating examination was performed with one body area rated (spine).

2. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.204 (j)(4)(C)(ii) (I) states “\$150 for each body area if the Diagnosis Related Estimates (DRE) method found in the AMA Guides 4th edition is used.”

Examination Report reviewed documents an Impairment Rating with one body area (spine) performed using Diagnosis Related Estimates (DRE) method. The total MAR for the impairment rating examination is \$150.00 Therefore, CPT Code 99455-V3-WP is supported. The requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement of \$150.00

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$150.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code Sections 413.031 and 413.019 (if applicable), the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement for the services involved in this dispute. The Division hereby ORDERS the respondent to remit to the requestor the amount of \$150.00 plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this Order.

Authorized Signature

Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	9/12/14 Date
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YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register 3833*, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.