



## **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 and Address**

DOCTORS HOSPITAL AT RENAISSANCE  
5501 S MCCOLL RD  
EDINBURG TX 78539

#### **Respondent Name**

Hartford Fire Insurance Co

#### **Carrier's Austin Representative Box**

Box Number 47

#### **MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-14-1337-01

#### **MFDR Date Received**

January 14, 2014

### **REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY**

**Requestor's Position Summary:** "According to TWCC guidelines, Rule §134.403 states that the reimbursement calculation used for establish the MAR shall be by applying the Medicare facility specific amount."

**Amount in Dispute:** \$1,865.76

### **RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY**

**Respondent's Position Summary:** "The Carrier has properly discounted and reimbursed the performed procedures based on Medicare and Texas Guidelines and appropriately denied the procedures that were not adequately documented. Global payment reflects proper reimbursement."

**Response Submitted by:** The Hartford

### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Date(s) of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
August 28, 2013	Outpatient Hospital Services	\$1,865.76	\$1,865.76

### **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 §134.403, titled *Hospital Facility Fee Guideline – Outpatient*, sets out the reimbursement guidelines for facility services provided in an outpatient acute care hospital.
- The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
  - 97 – PAYMENT ADJUSTED BECAUSE THE BENEFIT FOR THIS SERVICE IS INCLUDED IN THE PAYMENT/ALLOWANCE FOR ANOTHER SERVICE/PROCEDURE THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ADJUDICATED.
  - W1 – WORKERS COMPENSATION STATE FEE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

- Q97 – PAYMENT IS INCLUDED IN THE ALLOWANCE FOR ANOTHER SERVICE/PROCEDURE
- 1014 – THE ATTACHED BILLING HAS BEEN RE EVALUATED AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROVIDER BASED ON THIS RE EVALUATION WE FIND OUR ORIGINAL REVIEW TO BE CORRECT THEREFORE NO ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE APPEARS TO BE WARRANTED

### **Issues**

1. What is the applicable rule for determining reimbursement for the disputed services?
2. What is the recommended payment amount for the services in dispute?
3. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement?

### **Findings**

1. This dispute relates to facility services performed in an outpatient hospital setting with reimbursement subject to the provisions of 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403, which requires that the reimbursement calculation used for establishing the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the Federal Register with the application of minimal modifications as set forth in the rule. Per §134.403(f)(1), the sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by 200 percent, unless a facility or surgical implant provider requests separate reimbursement of implantables. Review of the submitted documentation finds that separate reimbursement for implantables is not applicable.
2. Under the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), each billed service is assigned an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) based on the procedure code used, the supporting documentation and the other services that appear on the bill. A payment rate is established for each APC. Depending on the services provided, hospitals may be paid for more than one APC per encounter. Payment for ancillary and supportive items and services, including services that are billed without procedure codes, is packaged into payment for the primary service. A full list of APCs is published quarterly in the OPPS final rules which are publicly available through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website. Reimbursement for the disputed services is calculated as follows:
  - Procedure code 36415 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$3.00. 125% of this amount is \$3.75
  - Procedure code 84703 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$10.33. 125% of this amount is \$12.91
  - The insurance carrier states in their response, "The synovectomy (29875) was performed in the same compartment, not a separate compartment from the more extensive procedures, thus not meeting the CPT coding requirements as defined in CPT Assistant". However, on the explanation of benefits sent to the requestor a payment of \$1,940.70 was made. Therefore, the Division finds the carrier did accept this claim as submitted and these services will be reviewed per applicable rules and fee guidelines. Procedure code 29875 has a status indicator of T, which denotes a significant procedure subject to multiple-procedure discounting. The highest paying status T procedure is paid at 100%; all others are paid at 50%. This procedure is paid at 100%. These services are classified under APC 0041, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$2,111.62. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$1,266.97. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.8651 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$1,096.06. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$844.65. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$1,940.71. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,025. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$1,940.71. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$3,881.42.
  - Procedure code 29879 has a status indicator of T, which denotes a significant procedure subject to multiple-

procedure discounting. The highest paying status T procedure is paid at 100%; all others are paid at 50%. This procedure is paid at 50%. These services are classified under APC 0041, which, per OPPTS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$2,111.62. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$1,266.97. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.8651 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$1,096.06. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$844.65. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$1,940.71. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,025. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line, including multiple-procedure discount, is \$970.36. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$1,940.72.

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  - Procedure code J2405 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
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  - Procedure code J0690 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
  - Procedure code J1885 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
  - Procedure code J3010 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
  - Procedure code J2270 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
  - Procedure code J1100 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
3. The total allowable reimbursement for the services in dispute is \$7,779.52. The amount previously paid by the insurance carrier is \$5,846.28. The requestor is seeking additional reimbursement in the amount of \$1,865.76. This amount is recommended.

### **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 \$1,865.76.

### ***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 \$1,865.76, plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this order.

### **Authorized Signature**

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Signature

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Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

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February , 2014  
Date

### ***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.**