



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

ELISEO CUMMINGS DC

Respondent Name

BITCO GENERAL INSURANCE CORP

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-15-2714-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received

April 24, 2015

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "On February 5, 2014, I was told by Pam she doesn't have this bill on file, although it was sent several times, and even confirmed as received by Pam via email. I've attached a copy of this email for your review. It shows that Laura (the adjuster) forwarded the bill and report to Pam for payment, and instructed her to override any timely filing denial.

We billed a total of \$1,675.00 for the services provided. We have received no payment from your company.

Please issue a prompt payment of \$1,675.00 to settle this claim."

Amount in Dispute: \$350.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Late filing as to DOS. The provider's request was not datestamped as received by DWC MRD until 4/24/15. Consequently, it is not timely as to the DOS at issue per Rule 133.307(c)(1)(A). The provider has waived its right for MFDR. Please dismiss."

Response Submitted by: Flahive, Ogden & Latson

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
March 31, 2014	CPT Code 99456-W5-NM	\$350.00	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and applicable 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.
- The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:

- 16 – Svc lacks info needed or has billing error(s)
- 182 – Reviewed as No Charge
- NM – Not at maximum medical improvement
- W5 – DD exam with IR or MMI
- RE – Return to work and/or Evaluation of Medical Care
- W6 – Designated Doctor Examination or Extent

Issues

1. Did the requestor waive the right to medical fee dispute resolution?

Findings

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states:

Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MFDR Section receives the request. A decision by the MFDR Section that a request was not timely filed is not a dismissal and may be appealed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

(A) A request for MFDR that does not involve issues identified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be filed no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute.

The date of the services in dispute is March 31, 2014. The request for medical fee dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) Section on April 24, 2015. This date is later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307(c)(1)(B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division’s MFDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	5/29/15 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 MFDR 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.