



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

Edward W. Smith, D.O.

Respondent Name

Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-16-1236-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received

January 11, 2016

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "No EOB has been received"

Amount in Dispute: \$500.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: Division Note: The Division placed a copy of the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution request in the insurance carrier's Austin representative box, which was acknowledged as received on January 21, 2016. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(d)(1) requires that:

The response will be deemed timely if received by the division via mail service, personal delivery, or facsimile within 14 calendar days after the date the respondent received the copy of the requestor's dispute. If the division does not receive the response information within 14 calendar days of the dispute notification, then the division may base its decision on the available information.

The insurance carrier did not submit a response for consideration in this dispute. Accordingly, this decision is based on the information available at the time of review.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

| Dates of Service | Disputed Services | Amount In Dispute | Amount Due |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| March 25, 2015 | Designated Doctor Examination | \$500.00 | \$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

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.20 sets out the procedures for submitting a medical bill.

3. Submitted documentation does not include explanations of benefits for the services in question.

Issues

Did the requestor submit a medical bill in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.20?

Findings

28 Texas Administrative Code §133.20 states, in relevant part,

- (a) The health care provider shall submit all medical bills to the insurance carrier except when billing the employer in accordance with subsection (j) of this section.
- (b) Except as provided in Labor Code §408.0272(b), (c) or (d), a health care provider shall not submit a medical bill later than the 95th day after the date the services are provided...

The division finds that the insurance carrier for the claim in question is Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company. Review of the submitted documentation does not support that the requestor submitted a medical bill to the insurance carrier in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.20. No further reimbursement is recommended.

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

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| Signature | Laurie Garnes Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer | March 14, 2016 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, 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.