



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

DALLAS TESTING INC

Respondent Name

OLD REPUBLIC GENERAL INSURANCE

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-18-2396-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 44

MFDR Date Received

MARCH 5, 2018

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "The report Submitted does support the services that were given and the time that was spent on the evaluation. Therefore this claim should be PAID IN FULL."

Amount in Dispute: \$425.92

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Our bill audit company stands on their review and has determined that the provider is not due any additional monies for date of service 12-8-2016 on CPT 97750."

Response Submitted By: Gallagher Bassett Services

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Table with 4 columns: Dates of Service, Disputed Services, Amount In Dispute, Amount Due. Row 1: December 8, 2016, CPT Code 97750 (X8), \$425.92, \$0.00

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

- 1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.225, effective July 7, 2016, sets the reimbursement guidelines for functional capacity evaluations.
3. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203, effective March 1, 2008, sets out the reimbursement guidelines for professional services.
4. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:

Explanation of benefits

- 16-Claim/service lacks information or has submission/billing error(s), which is needed for adjudication.
• W3-Request for reconsideration.

- 193-Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly.

Issue

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

Findings

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 service in dispute is December 8, 2016. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) section on March 5, 2018. 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 for these services.

Conclusion

The Division finds that the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution for the services in dispute, as addressed in 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) and (c)(1)(A). For that reason, the merits of the issues raised by the parties to this dispute for those dates have not been addressed.

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 services in dispute.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

Date

03/26/2018

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.