## MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Requestor Name Respondent Name

Memorial Compounding Pharmacy XL Insurance America Inc

MFDR Tracking Number Carrier's Austin Representative

M4-18-4912-01 Box Number 19

**MFDR Date Received** 

August 14, 2018

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

<u>Requestor's Position Summary:</u> "The Texas Labor Code Section 408.027 (b) requires that the carrier must pay, reduce, deny or determine to audit the health provider's claim no later than the 45<sup>th</sup> day after the date of receipt by the Carrier. Memorial did not receive any correspondence as per rule...

Amount in Dispute: \$860.11

#### RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Our bill audit company has determined no further payment is due."

Response Submitted by: Gallagher Bassett

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
January 26, 2018	Lyrica 150 mg capsule	\$860.11	\$860.11

# 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 §134.502 sets out the procedures for pharmaceutical benefits.
- 3. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.503 sets out the fee guidelines for pharmaceutical services.
- 4. Neither party submitted an explanation of benefits for the service in dispute.

### <u>Issues</u>

1. What rule is applicable to the services in dispute?

### **Findings**

- 1. The requestor is seeking reimbursement of \$860.11 for medication dispensed on January 26, 2018. Insufficient evidence was found in the submitted documentation to support the carrier paid or denied the service in dispute. The medication will be reviewed based on the applicable fee guideline shown below.
  - 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.503 applies to the medication in dispute and states, in pertinent part:
    - (c) The insurance carrier shall reimburse the health care provider or pharmacy processing agent for prescription drugs the lesser of:
      - (1) the fee established by the following formulas based on the average wholesale price (AWP) as reported by a nationally recognized pharmaceutical price guide or other publication of pharmaceutical pricing data in effect on the day the prescription drug is dispensed:
        - (A) Generic drugs: ((AWP per unit) x (number of units) x 1.25) + \$4.00 dispensing fee per prescription = reimbursement amount;
        - (B) Brand name drugs: ((AWP per unit) x (number of units)  $\times 1.09$ ) + \$4.00 dispensing fee per prescription = reimbursement amount;

The AWP for NDC 000711011668 is  $\$8.91789 \times 90 \times 1.09 = \$874.76$ . The requestor is seeking \$860.11. 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 \$860.11.

### **ORDER**

Based on the submitted information, pursuant to Texas Labor Code Section 413.031 and 413.019 (if applicable), the division has determined the requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement for the disputed services. The division hereby ORDERS the respondent to remit to the requestor \$860.11 plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this order.

# **Authorized Signature**

		October 26, 2018	
Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	Date	

#### YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with Rule §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. **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.