



# 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**

Memorial Compounding Pharmacy

**Respondent Name**

Trumbull Insurance Co

**MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-19-0472-01

**Carrier's Austin Representative**

Box Number 47

**MFDR Date Received**

September 27, 2018

### REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

**Requestor's Position Summary:** "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:** \$583.89

### RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

**Respondent's Position Summary:** "...Memorial Compounding was required to provide documentation in justifying the amount of reimbursement being sought in this case. It is has failed to do so."

**Response Submitted by:** Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner, LLP

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
April 28, 2018	Compounded medication	\$583.89	\$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.
- 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.20 sets out the requirements for medical bill submission by health care providers.
- The insurance carrier denied payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
  - 226 – Information requested from the billing/rendering provider was not provided or not provided timely or was insufficient/incomplete

- 5205 – Cannot review bill without medical notes for date (s) of service. Please submit medical notes with the bill to expedite processing.

### Issues

1. Are the insurance carrier's reasons for denial of payment supported?

### Findings

1. The requestor is seeking reimbursement of pharmacy services for date of service April 28, 2018. The insurance carrier denied disputed services stating requested information not received.

28 Texas Administrative Code §133.20 (h)(1) states in pertinent part,

(h) Not later than the 15th day after receipt of a request for additional medical documentation, a health care provider shall submit to the insurance carrier:

- (1) any requested additional medical documentation related to the charges for health care rendered;

Review of the submitted documentation found insufficient evidence to support the health care provider submitted the requested information. The carrier's denial is supported. No additional payment 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 on the submitted information, pursuant to Texas Labor Code Section 413.031, the division hereby determines the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 additional reimbursement for the services in dispute.

### Authorized Signature

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Signature

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Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

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Date

May 21, 2019

### **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.**