



# 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**

Texas Mutual Insurance Co

**MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-19-0976-01

**Carrier's Austin Representative**

Box Number 54

**MFDR Date Received**

October 19, 2018

#### REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

**Requestor's Position Summary:** "The carrier denied the reconsideration based on fee schedule. The disputed pharmacy services are in regard Administrative Code 134.503 @..."

**Amount in Dispute:** \$702.68

#### RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

**Respondent's Position Summary:** "Texas Mutual maintains its denial position as enunciated on its EOB in the DWCC60 packet."

**Response Submitted by:** Texas Mutual

#### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
May 30, 2018	Pharmacy Services - Compounds	\$702.68	\$702.68

#### 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 §134.502 sets out the procedures for pharmaceutical benefits.
- 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.503 sets out the fee guidelines for pharmaceutical services.
- The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
  - 197 – Precertification/authorization/notification absent
  - 785 – Service rendered is integral to service requiring preauthorization. Preauthorization not sought/approval not obtained for that service

- 872 – Rule 134.502 requires compound drugs be billed by listing each drug included and calculating the charge for each drug separately

**Issues**

1. Is the carrier’s reason for denial of payment supported?
2. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement for the compound in question?

**Findings**

1. The requestor is seeking reimbursement of \$702.68 for a compound dispensed May 30, 2018. The insurance carrier denied the disputed compound with claim adjustment reason code 197 – “Precertification/authorization/notification absent.”

For the dates of service in dispute the applicable rule is 28 TAC §134.530(b)(2) which states that preauthorization is **only** required for:

- drugs identified with a status of “N” in the current edition of the *ODG Treatment in Workers' Comp (ODG) / Appendix A, ODG Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary*, and any updates;
- any compound that contains a drug identified with a status of "N" in the current edition of the *ODG Treatment in Workers' Comp (ODG) / Appendix A, ODG Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary*, and any updates; and
- any investigational or experimental drug for which there is early, developing scientific or clinical evidence demonstrating the potential efficacy of the treatment, but which is not yet broadly accepted as the prevailing standard of care as defined in Labor Code §413.014(a).

DWC finds that the compound rendered on the date of service in question does not include a drug identified with a status of “N” in the current edition of the ODG, *Appendix A*. Therefore, DWC concludes that the compound in question did not require preauthorization and the insurance carrier’s denial of payment for this reason is not supported. Therefore, the disputed compound will be reviewed for reimbursement.

2. 28 TAC §134.503 applies to the compounds 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:  $((AWP \text{ per unit}) \times (\text{number of units}) \times 1.25) + \$4.00$  dispensing fee per prescription = reimbursement amount;
      - (B) Brand name drugs:  $((AWP \text{ per unit}) \times (\text{number of units}) \times 1.09) + \$4.00$  dispensing fee per prescription = reimbursement amount;
      - (C) When compounding, a single compounding fee of \$15 per prescription shall be added to the calculated total for either paragraph (1)(A) or (B) of this subsection;

The compound in dispute was billed by listing each drug included in the compound and calculating the charge for each drug separately as required by 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.502(d)(2). Each ingredient is listed below with its corresponding reimbursement amount as applicable. The carrier’s denial is not supported.

Ingredient	NDC	Price/Unit	Total Units	AWP Formula §134.503(c)(1)	Billed Amt §134.503 (c)(2)	Lesser of (c)(1) and (c)(2)
Baclofen	38779038809	\$35.63	5.4	\$240.50	\$190.78	\$190.78
Amantadine	38779041105	\$24.23	3	\$90.84	\$72.69	\$72.69
Gabapentin	38779246109	\$59.85	3.6	\$269.33	\$204.66	\$204.66
Bupivacaine	38779052405	\$45.60	1.2	\$68.40	\$54.72	\$54.72

Amitriptyline	38779018904	\$18.24	1.8	\$41.04	\$32.83	\$32.83
Ethoxy Diglycol	38779190301	\$0.34	4.2	\$1.80	\$1.44	\$1.44
Versapro Cream	38779252903	\$3.20	40.8	\$142.31	\$130.56	\$130.56
Compounding Fee	NA	\$15.00	1	N/A	\$15.00	\$15.00
					\$702.68	\$702.68

The total reimbursement is \$702.68. This amount is recommended.

**Conclusion**

For the reasons stated above, DWC finds that the requestor has established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$702.68.

***ORDER***

Based on the submitted information, pursuant to Texas Labor Code Section 413.031 and 413.019 (if applicable), the DWC has determined the requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement for the disputed services. DWC hereby ORDERS the respondent to remit to the requestor 702.68, plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this order.

**Authorized Signature**

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Signature

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Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

November 28, 2018  
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).

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