



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 RX

Respondent Name

Old Republic Insurance Company

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-19-1778-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 44

MFDR Date Received

November 28, 2018

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "The carrier has received the attached bill and has not processed according to Texas Labor Code 408.027."

Amount in Dispute: \$555.68

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: The Austin insurance carrier representative for Old Republic Insurance Company is White Espey, PLLC. The representative received the copy of this medical fee dispute on December 6, 2018. If the DWC does not receive the response within 14 calendar days of the dispute notification, then the DWC may base its decision on the available information.¹

As of today, no response has been received from the insurance carrier or its representative. We will base this decision on the information available.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
July 12, 2018	Compound Medication	\$555.68	\$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 (DWC).

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Codes §§134.530(b)(1)(B) and (C) set out preauthorization requirements for compounds not subject to certified health care networks.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §§134.540(b)(2) and (3) set out preauthorization requirements for compounds subject to certified health care networks.

¹ 28 TAC §133.307(d)(1)

Issue

Is reimbursement due for the service in dispute?

Findings

Memorial is seeking reimbursement for a compound dispensed on July 12, 2018. Applicable amended Rule at 28 TAC 134.530[non-network] or 28 TAC 134.540 [network] states, in pertinent part, that preauthorization is required for any prescription drug created through compounding prescribed and dispensed on or after July 1, 2018.

According to the adoption preamble, new section (b)(1)(C) **DOES NOT APPLY** to prescriptions for compounded drugs written before July 1, 2018, and refills for those prescriptions. Therefore, for compounds dispensed on or after July 1, 2018, a copy of the physician’s initial prescription is necessary for the DWC to make an informed decision about whether preauthorization is required.

On December 10, 2019, the DWC submitted a request for additional information to Memorial. The request sought “the initial and any subsequent prescription(s) that pertain to the dispensed medications” in dispute. Memorial was given a minimum of 7 days to provide the requested information. Memorial failed to provide the prescription. Therefore, the decision will be based on the information available.

Memorial has failed to provide prescription evidence sufficient to support its assertion that preauthorization was not required. Memorial has therefore failed to meet its burden to prove that reimbursement is due.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the DWC finds that the requestor has not established that 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 DWC hereby determines the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 additional reimbursement for the services in dispute.

Authorized Signature

	Laurie Garnes	December 20, 2019
Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	Date

RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute may seek review of this DWC decision. To appeal, submit form DWC Form-045M titled ***Request to Schedule, Reschedule, or Cancel a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision (BRC-MFD)*** found at <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/forms/form20numeric.html>.

Follow the instructions on pages 3 and 4. The request must be received by the DWC within twenty days of your receipt of this decision. This decision becomes final if the request for review of this decision is not timely made.

The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the DWC using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

If you have questions about the DWC Form-045M, please call CompConnection at 1-800-252-7031, Option 3 or you may email your question to CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 1-800-252-7031, Option 1.