



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

TEXAS HEALTH SOUTHWEST

Respondent Name

SENTINEL INSURANCE COMPANY LTD

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-19-2925-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 47

MFDR Date Received

January 28, 2019

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Incorrect DRG Rate."

Amount in Dispute: \$7,880.70

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "services were processed in accordance with Texas Guidelines, Rule 134.404."

Response Submitted by: The Hartford

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Dispute Amount	Amount Due
February 3, 2017	Inpatient Hospital Facility Services	\$7,880.70	\$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.
- The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
 - 18 – EXACT DUPLICATE CLAIM/SERVICE
 - W3 – ADDITIONAL PAYMENT MADE ON APPEAL/RECONSIDERATION.
 - 193 – ORIGINAL PAYMENT DECISION IS BEING MAINTAINED. UPON REVIEW, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THIS CLAIM WAS PROCESSED PROPERLY.
 - 247 – A PAYMENT OR DENIAL HAS ALREADY BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR THIS SERVICE
 - 1115 - WE FIND THE ORIGINAL REVIEW TO BE ACCURATE AND ARE UNABLE TO RECOMMEND ANY ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE
 - 29 – THE TIME LIMIT FOR FILING HAS EXPIRED
 - 4271 – PER TX LABOR CODE SEC. 413.016, PROVIDERS MUST SUBMIT BILLS TO PAYORS WITHIN 95 DAYS OF THE DATE OF SERVICE.
 - 97 – PAYMENT ADJUSTED BECAUSE THE BENEFIT FOR THIS SERVICE IS INCLUDED IN THE PAYMENT/ALLOWANCE FOR ANOTHER SERVICE/PROCEDURE THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ADJUDICATED.
 - P12 – WORKERS' COMPENSATION JURISDICTIONAL FEE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT.
 - 4896 – PAYMENT MADE PER MEDICARE'S IPPS METHODOLOGY, WITH APPLICABLE STATE MARKUP.

- 4915 - THE CHARGE FOR THE SERVICES REPRESENTED BY THE REVENUE CODE ARE INCLUDED/BUNDLED INTO THE TOTAL FACILITY PAYMENT AND DO NOT WARRANT A SEPARATE PAYMENT OR THE PAYMENT STATUS INDICATOR DETERMINES THE SERVICE IS PACKAGED OR EXCLUDED FROM PAYMENT.

Issues

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

Findings

28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) requires that a requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to medical fee dispute resolution (MFDR).

Rule §133.307(c)(1)(A) further requires that a request for MFDR that does not meet any exceptions listed in Rule §133.307(c)(1)(B) be filed no later than one year after the dates of service in dispute.

The date of service in dispute is February 3, 2017. The request for medical fee dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) Section on January 28, 2019. This date is later than one year after the date of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds the disputed services do not involve issues identified in Rule §133.307(c)(1)(B). The division concludes the requestor failed to timely file this dispute with the division's MFDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

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 information submitted by the parties, in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the division determines the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 additional reimbursement for the services in dispute.

Authorized Signature

_____	<u>Grayson Richardson</u>	<u>February 22, 2019</u>
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.

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 form's instructions. 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 on the form, or to the field office handling the claim.

A party seeking review of this decision must deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed. The request must include a copy of this *Medical Fee Dispute 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.