



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 of Plano

Respondent Name

Indemnity Insurance Co of North America

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-19-3219-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 15

MFDR Date Received

February 13, 2019

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "The purpose of this letter is to inform you that payment for services provided to the above referenced patient does not comply with Chapters 134.403 and 134.404 of Texas Administrative Code."

Amount in Dispute: \$57.10

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Provider is basing the DRG pricing off an older outdated IPPS pricer and therefore no further payment is due the provider."

Response Submitted by: Aetna

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
June 26 – 29, 2018	Inpatient Hospital Services	\$57.10	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted 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 §134.404 sets out the acute care hospital fee guideline for inpatient services.
3. The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
 - 1 – The recommended allowance on this line is based on TX fee schedule reimbursement
 - 3 – Original payment decision is being maintained

Issues

1. What is the applicable rule for determining reimbursement of the disputed services?
2. What is the recommended payment for the services in dispute?

Findings

1. The requestor is seeking an additional payment of \$57.10 for inpatient hospital services rendered from June 26, 2018 to June 29, 2018. The insurance carrier reduced the allowed amount based on the Texas Workers Compensation fee schedule.

No documentation was found to support that the services are subject to a specific fee schedule set in a contract that complies with the requirements of Labor Code §413.011. Reimbursement is therefore subject to the provisions of 28 TAC §134.404(f), which states:

The reimbursement calculation used for establishing the MAR [maximum allowable reimbursement] shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the Federal Register. The following minimal modifications shall be applied.

- (1) The sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by:
 - (A) 143 percent; unless
 - (B) a facility or surgical implant provider requests separate reimbursement in accordance with subsection (g) of this section, in which case the facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by 108 percent.

No documentation was found to support that the facility requested separate reimbursement for implantables; for that reason, the MAR is calculated according to §134.404(f)(1)(A).

2. Per §134.404(f)(1)(A), the sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment by 143%. Information regarding the calculation of Medicare IPPS payment rates may be found at <http://www.cms.gov>.

Review of the submitted documentation finds that the DRG code assigned to the services in dispute is 470. The services were provided at Texas Health Plano. Based on the submitted DRG code, the service location, and bill-specific information, the Medicare facility specific amount is \$13,126.22. This amount multiplied by 143% results in a MAR of \$18,770.49.

The total recommended payment for the services in dispute is \$18,770.49. The carrier paid \$18,770.49. 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 upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

March 15, 2019

Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §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 with the Division. **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.