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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name
Juan Quiroz, M.D.

Respondent Name
Texas Mutual Insurance Company

MFDR Tracking Number
M4-19-3537-01

Carrier's Austin Representative
Box Number 54

MFDR Date Received
March 22, 2019

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "MMI = $350.00
IR – KNEE = $150.00
IR – BACK = $150.00
IR – HEAD CONTUSION = $150.00
IR – LEG CONTUSION = $150.00
TTL = 1100.00"

Amount in Dispute: $150.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "The provider was issued payment for the following: $350 -MMI, $300 Range of Motion, $150.00 spine (includes cervical and lumbar) $ 150 for the head (non musculoskeletal) $150 right lower extremity (includes leg and knee)."

Response Submitted by: Texas Mutual Insurance Company

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
December 18, 2018	Designated Doctor Examination	$150.00	$150.00

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

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.250 sets out the fee guidelines for examinations to determine maximum medical improvement and impairment rating.

3. The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
   - CAC-P12 – Workers' compensation jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment.
   - 790 – This charge was reimbursed in accordance to the Texas Medical Fee Guideline.
   - CAC-193 – Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly.
   - DC4 – No additional reimbursement allowed after reconsideration.

Issues

Is Juan Quiroz, M.D. entitled to additional reimbursement for the services in question?

Findings

Dr. Quiroz is seeking an additional $150.00 for a designated doctor examination performed on December 18, 2018.

The submitted documentation supports that Dr. Quiroz performed an evaluation of maximum medical improvement as ordered by the DWC. Reimbursement is $350.00 for this examination.[1] Therefore, the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) for this examination is $350.00.

Review of the submitted documentation finds that Dr. Quiroz performed impairment rating evaluations of the right knee, right lower leg contusion, cervical spine, lumbar spine, and head contusion.

The MAR for the evaluation of the right knee, a musculoskeletal body area (lower extremity), performed with range of motion is $300.00.[2] The MAR for the evaluation of subsequent musculoskeletal body areas, cervical and lumbar spine, is $150.00.[3]

The MAR for the evaluation of the right leg contusion and head contusion, non-musculoskeletal body areas, is $150.00 each.[4]

The total MAR for the determination of impairment rating is $750.00. The total allowable reimbursement for the examinations in question is $1,100.00. The insurance carrier paid $950.00. An additional reimbursement of $150.00 is recommended.

Examination	AMA Chapter	§134.250 Category	Reimbursement Amount
Maximum Medical Improvement			$350.00
IR: Right Knee (ROM)	Musculoskeletal System	Lower Extremities	$300.00
IR: Neck Sprain (ROM)		Spine & Pelvis	$150.00
IR: Lumbar Strain (ROM)			
IR: Right Leg Contusion	Skin	Body Structures	$150.00
IR: Head Contusion	Nervous System	Body Systems	$150.00
Total MMI			**$350.00**
Total IR			**$750.00**
Total Exam			**$1,100.00**

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is $150.00.

[1] 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.250(3)(C)
[2] 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.250(4)(C)(ii)(II)(-a-)
[3] 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.250(4)(C)(ii)(II)(-b-)
[4] 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.250(4)(D)(v)

ORDER

Based on the submitted information, pursuant to Texas Labor Code Section 413.031 and 413.019 (if applicable), the division has determined the requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement for the disputed services. The division hereby ORDERS the respondent to remit to the requestor $150.00, plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this order.

Authorized Signature

	Laurie Garnes	April 26, 2019
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, 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.