



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

American Home Assurance Co

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-19-3708-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received

April 5, 2019

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "The carrier denied the reconsideration based on unresolved issues of extent of injury. A call was place to carrier to confirm patient demographics as well as compensability. We were not notified of any disputes or PLN11 filed."

Amount in Dispute: \$1,211.87

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "After further review, it was determined that the above reference bill was denied in error. We are reprocessing the bill for payment."

Response Submitted by: AIG

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
January 30, 2019	Ranitidine, Zolpidem, Acetaminophen, Duloxetine, Gabapentin, Meloxicam	\$1,211.87	\$1,083.26

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 §134.503 sets out the fee guidelines for pharmaceutical services.

Issues

1. Did the insurance carrier respond to request for proof of payment?
2. What rule is applicable to reimbursement?
3. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement for the compound in question?

Findings

1. The respondent states in their position statement dated April 24, 2019, "We are currently reviewing the bill for payment." DWC requested proof of payment on July 29, 2019. To date no response has been received. The service in dispute will be reviewed per applicable fee guideline."
2. The requestor is seeking reimbursement of \$1,211.87 for medication dispensed on January 30, 2019. 28 TAC §134.503 (c) states,
 - (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 per unit) x (number of units) x 1.25) + \$4.00 dispensing fee per prescription = reimbursement amount;
 - (B) Brand name drugs: ((AWP per unit) x (number of units) x 1.09) + \$4.00 dispensing fee per prescription = reimbursement amount;

The fee calculation is as follows:

Drug	NDC	Generic(G) /Brand(B)	Price /Unit	Units Billed	AWP Formula	Billed Amt	Lesser of AWP and Billed
Ranitidine	53746025310	G	\$1.56	120	\$234.00	\$244.70	\$234.00
Zolpidem Tartrate	13668000705	G	\$4.63	30	\$173.44	\$177.45	\$173.44
Acetaminophen	00093035005	G	\$0.55	90	\$61.88	\$107.17	\$61.88
Duloxetine	51991074810	G	\$7.54	30	\$282.75	\$283.73	\$282.75
Gabapentin	45963055650	G	\$1.33	90	\$149.51	\$177.16	\$149.51
Meloxicam	29300012510	G	\$4.85	30	\$181.69	\$202.85	\$181.69
						Total	\$1,083.26

3. The total reimbursement is \$1,083.26. This amount is recommended.

Conclusion

The outcome of each independent medical fee dispute relies upon the relevant evidence presented by the requestor and the respondent at the time of adjudication. Though all the evidence in this dispute may not have been discussed, it was considered.

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 \$1,083.26.

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 \$1,083.26, plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this order.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

August 21, 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 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.