MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name Respondent Name

DOCTORS HOSPITAL AT RENAISSANCE KIEWIT CORPORATION, SELF-INSURED

MFDR Tracking Number Carrier's Austin Representative

M4-19-3758-01 Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received Response Submitted By

April 10, 2019 Flahive, Odgen & Latson, Attorneys at Law, PC

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

"we have concluded that reimbursement received was inaccurate."

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

"In conjunction with CPT code 63030, CPT codes 96.3361 and 96365 cannot be billed together.... in the absence of the modifier, CPT codes 96361 and 96365 are not reimbursable."

SUMMARY OF DISPUTE

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Dispute Amount	Amount Due
January 17, 2019 to January 23, 2019	Outpatient Hospital Services	\$3,512.18	\$0.00

AUTHORITY

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and 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 §134.403 sets out the hospital facility fee guideline for outpatient services.
- 3. The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
 - 97 PAYMENT ADJUSTED BECAUSE THE BENEFIT FOR THIS SERVICE IS INCLUDED IN THE PAYMENT/ALLOWANCE FOR ANOTHER SERVICE/PROCEDURE THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ADJUDICATED.
 - 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.
 - 906 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLINICAL BASED CODING EDITS (NATIONAL CORRECT CODING INITIATIVE/OUTPATIENT CODE EDITOR), COMPONENT CODE OF COMPREHENSIVE MEDICINE, EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROCEDURE (90000-99999) HAS BEEN DISALLOWED.
 - P12 WORKERS' COMPENSATION JURISDICTIONAL FEE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT.
 - 954 THE ALLOWANCE FOR NORMALLY PACKAGED REVENUE AND/OR SERVICE CODES HAVE BEEN PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISPERSED OUTPATIENT ALLOWANCE.
 - 797 SERVICE NOT PAID UNDER MEDICARE OPPS.
 - 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.

1014 - THE ATTACHED BILLING HAS BEEN RE-EVALUATED AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROVIDER. BASED ON THIS RE-EVALUATION,
 WE FIND OUR ORIGINAL REVIEW TO BE CORRECT. THEREFORE, NO ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE APPEARS TO BE WARRANTED.

<u>Issues</u>

Is the requestor entitled to additional reimbursement?

Findings

This dispute regards facility services subject to DWC's Hospital Facility Fee Guideline, Rule §134.403, requiring the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) to be the Medicare facility specific amount applying Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) formulas and factors modified by DWC rules. Rule §134.403(f)(1) requires the Medicare facility specific amount be multiplied by 200% for the disputed facility services.

Medicare assigns an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) to OPPS services based on billed procedure codes and supporting documentation. The APC determines the payment rate. Reimbursement for ancillary items and services is packaged with the APC payment. CMS publishes quarterly APC rate updates, available at www.cms.gov.

Reimbursement for the disputed services is calculated as follows:

- Procedure code 63030 has status indicator J1, for procedures paid at a comprehensive rate. All covered services on the bill are packaged with the primary "J1" procedure. This code is assigned APC 5114. The OPPS Addendum A rate is \$5,699.59, which is multiplied by 60% for an unadjusted labor amount of \$3,419.75, and in turn multiplied by the facility wage index of 0.8224 for an adjusted labor amount of \$2,812.40. The non-labor portion is 40% of the APC rate, or \$2,279.84. The cost of services does not exceed the threshold for outlier payment. The sum of the labor and non-labor portions is the Medicare facility specific amount of \$5,092.24. This is multiplied by 200% for a MAR of \$10,184.48.
- Payment for all other services on the bill is packaged with the primary comprehensive J1 service per Medicare policy regarding comprehensive APCs. See *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* Chapter 4 §10.2.3 for details.

The total recommended reimbursement for the disputed services is \$10,184.48. The insurance carrier paid \$10,184.48. Additional payment is not 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

In accordance with Texas Labor Code §413.031, based on the information submitted for review, the division hereby determines the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 additional reimbursement for the services in dispute.

Authorized Signature

	Grayson Richardson	May 2, 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.

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 division must receive the request within twenty days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered either to the division, using the contact information listed on the form, or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review must deliver a copy of the request to all parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed. Include a copy of this *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision* together with any other information required by 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.