



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

JOHN SPIEKER, MD

Respondent Name

FEDEX FREIGHT INC

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-19-3886-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received

APRIL 22, 2019

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Please reprocess the attached claim for the above-referenced patient. Attached is the proof of timely filing, explanation of benefits and a claim for your review."

Amount in Dispute: \$1,272.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "The provider's request for Medical Fee Dispute Resolution should be dismissed on the basis that the DWC-60 was not filed with the Division within 1 year of the date of service and secondly because the provider failed to submit the initial medical bill to the carrier within 95 days of the date of service, and has failed to provide documentation to support its position that it had timely submitted the medical bill to the wrong insurance carrier."

Response Submitted by: Flahive, Ogden & Latson

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
April 6, 2018	Anesthesia Services CPT Code 29881/01400	\$1,272.00	\$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. The services in dispute were reduced / denied by the respondent with the following reason code:
 - 29-The time limit for filing has expired.
 - 4271-Per TX Labor Code Sec. 413.016, provider must submit bills to payors within 95 days of the date of service.
 - 18-Duplicate claim/service.

- 24-A payment or denial has already been recommended for this service.

Issue

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

Findings

28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states: "Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MFDR Section receives the request. A decision by the MFDR Section that a request was not timely filed is not a dismissal and may be appealed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. (A) A request for MFDR that does not involve issues identified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be filed no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute." The date of service in dispute is April 6, 2018. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) section on April 22, 2019. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307(c)(1)(B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division's MFDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution for these services.

Conclusion

The Division finds that the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution for the services in dispute, as addressed in 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) and (c)(1)(A). For that reason, the merits of the issues raised by the parties to this dispute for those dates have not been addressed.

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 services in dispute.

Authorized Signature

	Elizabeth Pickle, RHIA	5/09/2019
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 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 MDR 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.