



# 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 Center for Diagnostics & Surgery

**Respondent Name**

American Zurich Insurance Co

**MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-19-4094-01

**Carrier's Austin Representative**

Box Number 19

**MFDR Date Received**

May 10, 2019

### REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

**Requestor's Position Summary:** "When facility chooses to have implantable reimbursed separately, the facility or surgical implant provider is reimbursed at the lesser of..."

**Amount in Dispute:** \$651.18

### RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

**Respondent's Position Summary:** "Our bill audit company stands on their original review."

**Response Submitted by:** Gallagher Bassett

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
August 7, 2018	Outpatient Hospital Services	\$651.18	\$0.00

### 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**

- 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
- 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403 sets out the reimbursement guidelines for outpatient hospital services.
- The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
  - 00121 – (59) Processed based on multiple or concurrent procedure rules
  - 97 – The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated
  - P12 – Workers' compensation jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment

## **Issues**

1. What is the applicable rule for determining reimbursement for the disputed services?
2. Is the requestor entitled to additional reimbursement?

## **Findings**

1. The requestor is seeking additional reimbursement in the amount of \$651.18 for outpatient hospital services rendered on August 7, 2018. The insurance carrier reduced disputed services based on multiple procedure payment rules.

28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403 (d) states in pertinent part,

For coding, billing, reporting, and reimbursement of health care covered in this section, Texas workers' compensation system participants shall apply Medicare payment policies in effect on the date a service is provided

The Medicare payment policy applicable to the services in dispute is found at [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov), Claims processing Manual, Chapter 4, Section 10.1.1 - Payment Status Indicators

*An OPPS payment status indicator is assigned to every HCPCS code. The status indicator identifies whether the service described by the HCPCS code is paid under the OPPS and if so, whether payment is made separately or packaged. The status indicator may also provide additional information about how the code is paid under the OPPS or under another payment system or fee schedule.*

28 TAC §134.403, (f) states,

The reimbursement calculation used for establishing the MAR shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) 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) 200 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 130 percent.

Review of the submitted medical bill found implants were not provided or requested for the disputed date of service. The maximum allowable reimbursement per the above is calculated as follows:

- Procedure code 64520 has status indicator T, for procedures subject to multiple-procedure reduction. The highest paying status T unit is paid at 100%; all others at 50%. This code is assigned APC 5443. The OPPS Addendum A rate is \$672.18, multiplied by 60% for an unadjusted labor amount of \$403.31, in turn multiplied by the facility wage index of 0.9756 for an adjusted labor amount of \$393.47. The non-labor portion is 40% of the APC rate, or \$268.87. The sum of the labor and non-labor portions is \$662.34 at 2 units, with multiple-procedure reduction, is \$993.51. The Medicare facility specific amount of \$993.51 is multiplied by 200% for a MAR of \$1,987.02.
2. The total recommended reimbursement for the disputed services is \$1,987.02. The insurance carrier paid \$1,996.86. 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**

Based on the submitted information, pursuant to Texas Labor Code Section 413.031, the division hereby determines the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 additional reimbursement for the services in dispute.

Authorized Signature

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Signature

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Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

June 6, 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.**