



# 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**

MVP SPECIALIST SURGERY CENTER

**Respondent Name**

HOUSTON ISD

**MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-19-4890-01

**Carrier's Austin Representative**

Box Number 44

**MFDR Date Received**

JULY 16, 2019

#### REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

**Requestor's Position Summary:** "Please find in closed documents to support separate reimbursement for code 77003. This procedure is not incidental to the procedure 62284."

**Amount in Dispute:** \$1,581.00

#### RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

**Respondent's Position Summary:** "The bill was received and paid correctly. The procedure code of 62284 is status N1 and not a payable code in ASC setting per Addendum AA-Final ASC Covered Surgical Procedures for CY 2017 (Including Surgical Procedures for Which Payment is Packaged). Therefore CPT code, 77003-TC, is also correctly denied as included/bundled and not payable. I have attached the original EOB. There are no moneys due to this provider."

**Response Submitted by:** Gina M. Mora, Novare LLC

#### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
October 6, 2017	CPT Code 77003-TC	\$1,581.00	\$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

- 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
- The services in dispute were reduced / denied by the respondent with the following reason code:
  - 97-Payment adjusted because 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.
  - W3-Additional payment made on appeal/reconsideration.

- 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.
- No proof of timely filing was received with the reconsideration requested -this is needed to over-ride the timely filing denial.

**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 October 6, 2017. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) section on July 16, 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**

		08/07/2019
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.**