



# 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 ALLIANCE

**Respondent Name**

HARTFORD CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

**MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-19-5168-01

**Carrier's Austin Representative**

Box Number 47

**MFDR Date Received**

August 12, 2019

**Response Submitted By**

The Hartford

#### REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

"Therapy Only Claim. Allowed For First Unit by DOS..."

#### RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

"Dates of service in dispute were processed in accordance with Texas Workers' Compensation Guidelines"

#### SUMMARY OF DISPUTE

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Dispute Amount	Amount Due
April 1, 2019 to April 22, 2019	Outpatient Physical Therapy: CPT 97140	\$40.84	\$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

- 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
- 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403 sets out the hospital facility fee guideline for outpatient services.
- 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203 sets out the fee guideline for professional medical services.
- The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
  - 163 – THE CHARGE FOR THIS PROCEDURE EXCEEDS THE UNIT VALUE AND/OR MULTIPLE PROCEDURE RULES
  - 170 – REIMBURSEMENT IS BASED ON THE OUTPATIENT/INPATIENT FEE SCHEDULE.
  - 119 – BENEFIT MAXIMUM FOR THIS TIME PERIOD OR OCCURRENCE HAS BEEN REACHED
  - P12 – WORKERS' COMPENSATION JURISDICTIONAL FEE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT.
  - 1115 - WE FIND THE ORIGINAL REVIEW TO BE ACCURATE AND ARE UNABLE TO RECOMMEND ANY ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE
  - 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.

#### Issues

Is the requestor entitled to additional reimbursement?

Findings

This dispute regards outpatient physical therapy services not paid under Medicare’s Outpatient Prospective Payment System but using Medicare’s Physician Fee Schedule. *DWC Hospital Fee Guideline* Rule §134.403(h) requires use of the fee guideline applicable to the code on the date of service if Medicare pays it using other fee schedules. *DWC Professional Fee Guideline* Rule §134.203(c) requires the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) be determined by applying Medicare payment policies modified by DWC rules. The MAR is the sum of the geographically adjusted work, practice expense and malpractice values multiplied by a DWC conversion factor.

Medicare’s multiple-procedure payment reduction (MPPR) policy requires the first unit of therapy with the highest practice expense be paid in full. Payment is reduced by 50% of the practice expense for each extra therapy unit (codes with multiple-procedure indicator 5) provided on the same day.

Reimbursement is calculated as follows:

- Procedure code 97140 (April 1, April 4, April 15, and April 22, 2019) has a Work RVU of 0.43. This is multiplied by the Work GPCI of 1.007 for a geographically adjusted value of 0.43301. The practice expense RVU of 0.35 multiplied by the PE GPCI of 0.986 is 0.3451. The malpractice RVU of 0.01 multiplied by the malpractice GPCI of 0.747 is 0.00747. The sum is 0.78558 multiplied by the DWC conversion factor of \$59.19 for a MAR of \$46.50. The PE for this code is not the highest for these dates; payment is reduced by 50% of the practice expense. The PE reduced rate is \$36.29. For 4 visits the total is \$145.16.

The total allowable reimbursement for the disputed services is \$145.16. The insurance carrier paid \$145.12. Additional payment is not recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons above, the division finds the requestor has not established that additional payment 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	August 23, 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 other 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.