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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

NUEVA VIDA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Respondent Name

TEXAS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-20-1937-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 54

MFDR Date Received

April 13, 2020

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "After an extensive review of medical records and a consultation with … and treating physician Dr. Clark, DO, a Treatment Progress Report was written by a licensed professional counselor."

Amount in Dispute: $32.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "The TDI/DWC date stamp lists the received date as 4/13/2020 on the requestor's DWC-60 packet, a date greater than one year from 2/24/2019."

Response Submitted by: Texas Mutual Insurance Company

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
February 24, 2019	Psychiatric Evaluation of Records (90885)	$32.00	$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 (DWC). 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.

Issues

Did Nueva Vida Behavioral Health forfeit its right to medical fee dispute resolution for the date of service in question?

Findings

Nueva Vida Behavioral Health is seeking reimbursement for an examination performed on February 24, 2019.

The health care provider must request medical fee dispute resolution within one year from the date of service, except if a related compensability, extent of injury, or liability dispute exists; or a dispute regarding medical necessity has been filed.[1] If these exceptions apply, a request for medical fee dispute resolution must be filed within 60 days of the final adjudication of the disputed issue.

The DWC received the medical fee dispute resolution request on April 13, 2020. This is more than one year after date of service February 24, 2019. The DWC found no evidence to support that final adjudication of an exception applied to this date of service.

The DWC finds that Nueva Vida Behavioral Health has waived its right to medical fee dispute resolution for this date of service.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the DWC 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 DWC hereby determines the requestor is entitled to $0.00 additional reimbursement for the services in dispute.

Authorized Signature

		May 1, 2020
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, 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 DWC within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the DWC 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.

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[1] 28 TAC §133.307 (c)(1)