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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
MEMORIAL COMPOUNDING RX

Respondent Name
Zurich American Insurance Company of Illinois

MFDR Tracking Number
M4-20-0697-01

Carrier's Austin Representative
Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received
November 15, 2019

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "We received the explanation of benefits but there was no reason for reduction or denial."

Amount in Dispute: $571.25

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "This bill was paid. See attached EOB."

Response Submitted by: Flahive, Ogden & Latson

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
July 23, 2019	Diclofenac Sodium 1% Gel	$110.12	$69.78
July 23, 2019	Meloxicam 15 mg Tablets	$231.92	$222.03
July 23, 2019	Cyclobenzaprine 10 mg Tablets	$165.56	$139.07
July 23, 2019	Prednisone 20 mg Tablets	$63.65	$11.69
	Total	$571.25	$442.57

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).

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.503 sets out the fee guidelines for pharmaceutical services.

Issues

Is Memorial Compounding Pharmacy (Memorial) entitled to reimbursement for the drug in question?

Findings

Memorial is seeking reimbursement for drugs dispensed on July 23, 2019. In its position statement Flahive, Ogden & Latson argued on behalf of the insurance carrier, that the bill was paid.

The DWC finds that the evidence submitted does not support that a payment was made for the drug in question, therefore, Memorial is entitled to reimbursement.

- Diclofenac Sodium 1% Gel: (0.5262 x 100 x 1.25) + $4.00 = $69.78
- Meloxicam 15 mg tablets: (4.845 x 36 x 1.25) + $4.00 = $222.03
- Cyclobenzaprine 10 mg tablets: (1.0915 x 99 x 1.25) + $4.00 = $139.07
- Prednisone 20 mg tablets: (0.2564 x 24 x 1.25) + $4.00 = $11.69

The total allowable amount for the drug in question is $442.57. This amount is recommended.

Conclusion

The outcome of this medical fee dispute relied upon the evidence presented by the requestor and the respondent at the time of adjudication. Though all the evidence may not have been discussed, it was considered. For the reasons stated above, the DWC finds that the requestor has established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is $442.57.

ORDER

Based on the submitted information, pursuant to Texas Labor Code Section 413.031 and 413.019 (if applicable), the DWC has determined the requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement for the disputed services.
The DWC hereby ORDERS the respondent to remit to the requestor $442.57, plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this order.

Authorized Signature

	Laurie Garnes	December 19, 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, 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.