



# 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**

MEMORIAL COMPOUNDING RX

**Respondent Name**

Indemnity Insurance Company of North America

**MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-20-0940-01

**Carrier's Austin Representative**

Box Number 15

**MFDR Date Received**

December 16, 2019

#### REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

**Requestor's Position Summary:** "The carrier denied the original bill as well and the reconsideration based on NO DENIAL CODE."

**Amount in Dispute:** \$455.00

#### RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

**Respondent's Position Summary:** "The medications at issue were paid pursuant to the fee guidelines. Therefore, no additional monies are owed to Requestor."

**Response Submitted by:** Downs-Stanford, P.C.

#### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
August 15, 2019	Meloxicam 15 mg Tablets	\$202.85	\$185.69
August 15, 2019	Cyclobenzaprine 10 mg Tablets	\$122.99	\$85.86
August 15, 2019	Tramadol HCl 50 mg Tablets	\$129.16	\$93.57
Total		\$455.00	\$365.12

#### 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 §133.240 sets out the procedures for payment or denial of a medical bill.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
3. 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 compound in question?

**Findings**

Memorial is seeking reimbursement for drugs dispensed on August 15, 2019. In its position statement, Downs-Stanford, P.C. argued on behalf of the insurance carrier that the bill has been paid. The DWC reviewed the submitted documents.

The insurance carrier submitted a document dated November 7, 2019 as evidence of payment. This document indicates that the review agent recommended payment of \$365.11 and then reversed that payment in the same document. No codes were provided to support a denial of payment for the drugs in dispute.

Based on the documentation provided, the DWC finds that there is insufficient evidence that the insurance carrier reimbursed the drugs in question or provided a reason for denial as required by 28 TAC §133.240(f).

Because the insurance carrier failed to sufficiently support its denial of reimbursement or that the bill had been paid, Memorial is entitled to reimbursement.

The reimbursement considered in this dispute is calculated as follows<sup>1</sup>:

- Meloxicam 15 mg tablets:  $(4.845 \times 30 \times 1.25) + \$4.00 = \$185.69$
- Cyclobenzaprine 10 mg tablets:  $(1.0915 \times 60 \times 1.25) + \$4.00 = \$85.86$
- Tramadol HCl 50 mg tablets:  $(0.79615 \times 90 \times 1.25) + \$4.00 = \$93.57$

The total allowable reimbursement is \$365.12. This amount is recommended.

**Conclusion**

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 \$365.12.

***ORDER***

Based on the submitted information, pursuant to Texas Labor Code, Sections 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 \$365.12, plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this order.

**Authorized Signature**

Signature	Laurie Garnes Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	January 9, 2020 Date
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<sup>1</sup> 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.503(c)

### ***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.**