



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

ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE CO

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-20-1873-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box 19

MFDR Date Received

APRIL 8, 2020

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

"The above claimant received medication and the carrier still has not acknowledged receipt of service."

Amount in Dispute: \$977.50

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

"These bills have been paid."

Response Submitted by: Flahive, Ogden & Latson

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Date of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
January 14, 2020	Prescription Medication	\$977.50	\$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).

Background

- 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes
- 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.503 sets out the reimbursement for compound medications
- Explanation of Benefits:
 - P12-The charge for the prescription drug is greater than the maximum reimbursement for a generic drug.
 - Bills are not payable if the number of days between the date of service/discharge and the submission date exceeds 95 days.

Findings

The DWC makes the following conclusions based upon the information and documentation presented to the DWC to date. Even though all the evidence was not discussed, it was considered.

1. *Did the carrier reimburse Memorial for the disputed services?*

Memorial Compounding Rx (Memorial) asserts that the carrier has not paid for the service in dispute. Review of the explanations of benefits provided finds that the carrier issued a payment in the amount of \$680.77 to Memorial on April 30, 2020.

The DWC concludes that Memorial has received payment for the service in dispute.

2. *Is additional reimbursement due?*

The carrier reduced the billed amount to a total payment of \$680.77. Rule at 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.503(c) applies and states, in pertinent part, that the insurance carrier shall reimburse the lesser of: (1) the fee established by the Division's applicable formula based on the average wholesale price (AWP) as reported by a nationally recognized pharmaceutical price guide or other publication of pharmaceutical pricing data in effect on the day the prescription drug is dispensed; or (2) the amount billed to the insurance carrier.

Memorial is requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$977.50 for the disputed services. Memorial has the burden to support its request for this amount. In its original position statement, Memorial did not demonstrate how it arrived at the requested amount or whether that amount is consistent with the methodology under 28 TAC §134.503(c). After notification by the DWC's medical fee dispute resolution program of the carrier's response and payment, Memorial did not take the opportunity to refute the carrier's payment calculation. For that reason, the DWC moves to resolve this dispute with the information available and concludes that no additional reimbursement can be recommended.

Conclusion

The DWC concludes that Memorial has already been paid for the service in dispute. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based on the submitted information, and pursuant to Texas Labor Code Section 413.031, the DWC has determined that the requestor is not entitled to additional reimbursement for the services in dispute.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

07/09/2020
Date

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, 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 with the DWC. **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.