



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 Pharmacy

Respondent Name

Harris County

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-20-1961-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 21

MFDR Date Received

April 13, 2020

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "I have attached the EOB's as well as the documentation to prove that Memorial Compounding Pharmacy has met the requirements to receive reimbursement."

Amount in Dispute: \$488.01

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: The Austin carrier representative for Harris County is Thornton, Biechlin, Segrato, Reynolds who was notified of this medical fee dispute on April 13, 2020. Rule §133.307(d)(1) states that if the division does not receive the response within 14 calendar days of the dispute notification, then the division may base its decision on the available information

As of today, no response has been received from the carrier or its representative. We therefore base this decision on the information available as authorized under §133.307(d)(1).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
January 8, 2020	Oral medication	\$488.01	\$394.39

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.

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 fee guidelines for pharmaceutical services.
- The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
 - P12 – Workers' compensation jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment
 - 216 – Based on the findings of a review organization

- 3 – Charge for pharmaceuticals exceed the fees established by the fee schedule

Issues

1. Is the insurance carrier’s denial supported?
2. What rule(s) apply to disputed services?

Findings

1. The requestor is seeking reimbursement for oral medication dispensed January 8, 2020. The insurance company denied the disputed medication based on the findings of a review organization. No evidence of this review was submitted by the insurance carrier. This denial is not supported. The service in dispute will be reviewed per applicable fee guideline.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.503 (c) states the insurance carrier shall reimburse the health care provider or pharmacy processing agent for prescription drugs the lesser of the fee established by the following formulas 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:
 - Generic drugs: ((AWP per unit) x (number of units) x 1.25) + \$4.00 dispensing fee per prescription = reimbursement amount;
 - Brand name drugs: ((AWP per unit) x (number of units) x 1.09) + \$4.00 dispensing fee per prescription = reimbursement amount;

Drug	NDC	Generic(G) /Brand(B)	Price /Unit	Units Billed	AWP Formula	Billed Amt	Lesser of AWP and Billed
Diclofenac Sodium	69097052444	G	0.526	100	\$65.78	\$110.12	\$65.78
Duloxetine	51991074810	G	7.541	30	\$282.79	\$283.73	\$282.79
Tizanidine	29300016810	G	1.221	30	\$45.82	\$94.16	\$45.82
							\$394.39

The total reimbursement is \$394.39. This amount is recommended.

Conclusion

The outcome of each independent medical fee dispute relies upon the relevant evidence presented by the requestor and the respondent at the time of adjudication. Though all the evidence in this dispute may not have been discussed, it was considered.

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$394.39.

ORDER

Based on the submitted information, pursuant to Texas Labor Code Section 413.031 and 413.019 (if applicable), the division has determined the requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement for the disputed services. The division hereby ORDERS the respondent to remit to the requestor \$394.39, plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this order.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

July 23, 2020
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 division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the division 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.