



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 CO OF NORTH AMERICA

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-20-2778-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 15

MFDR Date Received

July 27, 2020

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

"The above patient was prescribed medication and the bill was received and processed by an alternate vendor. The alternate vendor originally paid the bill regarding line item(s) NDC#29300-0124-10. Memorial Wellness Pharmacy later received an Explanation of Benefits from the alternate vendor reversing this payment."

Amount in Dispute: \$247.62

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

"The Carrier has paid for the medications in dispute."

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

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
March 6, 2020	Meloxicam 7.5 mg Tablets	\$247.62	\$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

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

Findings

Memorial is seeking additional reimbursement for Meloxicam 7.5 mg tablets dispensed March 6, 2020. Per explanation of benefits dated August 20, 2020, the insurance carrier reduced the billed amount to a total payment of \$241.65 citing the workers' compensation fee schedule as its reason for the reduction.

The insurance carrier is required to pay the lesser of the DWC’s pharmacy formulary 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 the billed amount.¹

Memorial is requesting an additional reimbursement of \$247.62 for the disputed drug. Memorial has the burden to support its request for this amount. 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) in its position statement.

After notification by the DWC’s medical fee dispute resolution program of the insurance carrier’s response and payment, Memorial did not take the opportunity to refute the carrier’s payment calculation. The DWC finds that no additional reimbursement can be recommended.

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

_____	_____	September 8, 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.

¹ 28 TAC §134.503 (c)