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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
NUEVA VIDA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH A

Respondent Name
SAN ANTONIO ISD

MFDR Tracking Number
M4-21-0538-01

Carrier's Austin Representative
Box Number 21

MFDR Date Received
November 30, 2020

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Please review the attached claim, which was denied per "Absence of Precertification/Authorization". The appropriate CPT code for Health and Behavior Intervention is 96152, which is accepted under the Medical Fee Guidelines for Worker's Compensation Specific Professional Services subchapter c §134.203 (b)."

Amount in Dispute: $102.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "We are in receipt of the Medical Dispute Resolution concerning clamant [injured employee] from Nueva Vida Behavioral Health. The request for date of service 11/11/19 was received by TDI DWC on 11/30/20 making it past the tie frame for MDR ... Therefore, the Division does not have jurisdiction over the dispute, and it must dismiss the request."

Response Submitted by: IMO MANAGED CARE

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
November 11, 2019	Code 96152	$102.00	$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.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
   - 197 – Payment denied/reduced for absence of precertification/authorization

- W3 – Reconsideration
- 193 – Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly
- 1014 – The attached billing has been re-evaluated at the request of the provider based on this re-evaluation. We find our original review to be correct. Therefore, no additional allowance appears to be warranted

Issues

1. Did the requestor waive the right to medical fee dispute resolution?

Findings

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states:

> Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MFDR Section receives the request. A decision by the MFDR Section that a request was not timely filed is not a dismissal and may be appealed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.
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> (A) A request for MFDR that does not involve issues identified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be filed no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute.

The date of the services in dispute is November 11, 2019. The request for medical fee dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) Section on November 30, 2020. This date is later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307(c)(1)(B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division's MFDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is $0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to $0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	December 22, 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 28 Texas Administrative Code §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 with the Division. **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.