



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

METHODIST CRAIG RANCH SURGERY CENTER

Respondent Name

TEXAS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-21-1700-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 54

MFDR Date Received

May 25, 2021

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

"The procedure and patient information was sent from the surgeon's office. The office sent over BCBS for the insurance to be billed so therefore our insurance verification department verified and got authorization for the procedure with BCBS....BCBS paid the claim on 8/22/2019. On January 8, 2021, we received a recoupment letter from BCBS stating the patient's procedure should have been filed to his workers' compensation claim with Texas Mutual...sent a bill to Texas Mutual for the procedure on 01/25/2021. The bill was denied for no authorization from WorkWell."

Disputed Amount: \$1,311.25

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

"One year from disputed date 7/26/2020. The TDI/DWC date stamp lists the received date is 5/25/2021 on the requestor's DWC-60 packet, a date greater than one year. The requestor has waived its right to DWC MDR. No payment is due."

Response Submitted By: Texas Mutual Insurance Co.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
July 26, 2019	CPT Code 29891	\$1,311.25	\$0.00
	CPT Code C1713	\$0.00	\$0.00
	CPT Code 64447	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$1,311.25	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC).

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §133.307, effective February 22, 2021, sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. Neither party to the dispute submitted any explanation of benefits to support the denial of payment reasons.

Issue

Is date of service July 26, 2019 eligible for Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) in accordance with 28 TAC §133.307?

Findings

1. The requestor is seeking medical fee dispute resolution in the amount of \$1,311.25 for CPT code 29891 rendered on July 26, 2019.
2. 28 TAC §133.307(c)(1) states: "Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the DWC's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The DWC 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. (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."
3. The DWC reviewed the submitted documentation and finds:
 - The request for medical dispute resolution was received in MFDR on May 25, 2021.
 - The disputed date of service is July 26, 2019.
 - The disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307(c)(1)(B).
 - One year from July 26, 2019 is July 26, 2020.
 - The requestor did not file this dispute with the DWC's MFDR Section within the one-year deadline set out in 28 TAC §133.307.

Conclusion

The DWC finds that the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution for the services in dispute, as addressed in 28 TAC §133.307(c)(1) and (c)(1)(A). For that reason, the merits of the issues raised by the parties to this dispute for those dates have not been addressed.

ORDER

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

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

08/04/2021
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 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 MDR 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.