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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name
Mission Hospital

Respondent Name
Znat Insurance Co

MFDR Tracking Number
M4-21-1870-01

Carriers' Austin Representative
Box Number 47

MFDR Date Received
June 17, 2021

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "The patient was seen in the emergency room for a work related injury that occurred on the same date and office visit notes are attached for review."

Amount in Dispute: $1,368.23

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "No additional payment is due to the provider. These services were reimbursed correctly pursuant to 134.403(f)(1)(A) and the Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 4 – Part B Hospital 10-Hospital OPPS."

Response Submitted by: TheZenith

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
May 30, 2020	Outpatient Hospital Services	$1,368.23	$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:
   - P12 – Workers' Compensation Jurisdictional Fee Schedule Adjustment
   - 97 – The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated
   - 16 – Claim/service lacks information or has submission/billing errors

- 225 – The submitted documentation does not support the service being billed. We will re-evaluate this upon receipt of a clarifying information.

Issue

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

Findings

The requestor is requesting additional payment of hospital outpatient services rendered in May 2020.

DWC Rule 28 TAC §133.307(c)(1) states in pertinent part a request for medical fee dispute resolution that does not involve issues of compensability, extent of injury, liability, medical necessity or a refund shall be filed no later than one year after the date of service in dispute.

The date of the service in dispute is May 30, 2020. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Dispute Resolution (MDR) section on June 17, 2021.

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 above. DWC concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with DWC's MDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

In resolving disputes over reimbursement for medically necessary health care to treat a compensable injury, the role of DWC is to adjudicate payment following Texas laws and DWC rules. The findings in this decision are based on the evidence available at the time of review. Even though not all the evidence was discussed, it was considered.

For the reasons above the requestor has not established payment 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, DWC has determined that the requestor is entitled to $0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

		July 19, 2021
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 28 TAC §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 DWC within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to 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 DWC. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 TAC §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.