



## Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

### General Information

**Requestor Name**

Ranil Ninala, M.D.

**Respondent Name**

AIU Insurance Company

**MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-21-2277-01

**Carrier's Austin Representative**

Box Number 19

**DWC Date Received**

August 11, 2021

### Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
March 27, 2021	Examination to Determine Maximum Medical Improvement and Impairment Rating (99456-WP)	\$300.00	\$300.00

### Requestor's Position

"CERTIFYING EXAMINATION INCORRECT REDUCTION"

**Amount in Dispute:** \$300.00

### Respondent's Position

The Austin carrier representative for AIU Insurance Company is Flahive, Ogden & Latson. The representative was notified of this medical fee dispute on August 17, 2021.

Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 (d)(1), if the DWC does not receive the response within 14 calendar days of the dispute notification, then the DWC may base its decision on the available information.

As of today, no response has been received from the insurance carrier or its representative. We will base this decision on the information available.

## Findings and Decision

### Authority

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

### Statutes and Rules

1. 28 TAC §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 TAC §134.250 sets out the fee guidelines for examinations to determine maximum medical improvement and impairment rating.

### Denial Reasons

The insurance carrier reduced the payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:

- 00663 – Reimbursement has been calculated according to state fee schedule guidelines
- 5920 – Fee schedule manually priced at billed charge.
- 93 – No claim level adjustments.
- P12 – Workers' compensation jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment.
- 90202/B13 – Previously paid. Payment for this claim/service may have been provided in a previous payment.
- 247 – A payment or denial has already been recommended for this service.

### Issues

1. Is Ranil Ninala, M.D. entitled to additional reimbursement?

### Findings

1. Dr. Ninala is seeking additional reimbursement for an examination to determine maximum medical reimbursement and impairment rating.

The submitted documentation supports that Dr. Ninala performed an evaluation of maximum medical improvement as ordered by DWC. 28 TAC §134.250 (3)(C) states that the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) for this examination is \$350.00.

Review of the submitted documentation finds that Dr. Ninala performed impairment rating evaluations of the right knee with range of motion testing. The rule at 28 TAC §134.250 (4)(C) defines the fees for the calculation of an impairment rating for musculoskeletal body areas. The MAR for the evaluation of the first musculoskeletal body area performed with range of motion is \$300.00.

The total allowable amount is \$650.00. The insurance carrier paid \$350.00. An additional reimbursement of \$300.00 is recommended.

## Conclusion

The outcome of this medical fee dispute is based on the evidence presented by the requestor and the respondent at the time of adjudication. Though all evidence may not have been discussed, it was considered.

DWC finds the requester has established that additional reimbursement of \$300.00 is due.

## **Order**

Under Texas Labor Code §§413.031 and 413.019, DWC has determined the requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement for the disputed services. It is ordered that AIU Insurance Company must remit to Ranil Ninala, M.D. \$300.00 plus applicable accrued interest within 30 days of receiving this order in accordance with 28 TAC §134.130.

## **Authorized Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
November 3, 2021

Date

## **Your Right to Appeal**

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision under 28 TAC §133.307, which applies to disputes filed on or after **June 1, 2012**.

A party seeking review must submit DWC Form-045M, *Request to Schedule, Reschedule, or Cancel a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision (BRC-MFD)* and follow the instructions on the form. You can find the form at [www.tdi.texas.gov/forms/form20numeric.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/forms/form20numeric.html). DWC must receive the request within **20 days** of when you receive this decision. You may fax, mail, or personally deliver your request to DWC using the contact information on the form or the field office handling the claim. If you have questions about DWC Form-045M, please call CompConnection at 1-800-252-7031, option 3 or email [CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov).

The party seeking review of the MFDR decision must 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*** with any other required information listed in 28 TAC §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 1-800-252-7031, opción 3 o correo electrónico [CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov).