

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name

MEMORIAL
COMPOUNDING RX

Respondent Name

ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE CO

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-22-1554-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 15

DWC Date Received

March 28, 2022

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
January 4, 2022	Acetaminophen/COD #4 Tablet	\$85.60	\$35.13

Requestor's Position

The above claimant received medication and the carrier still has not acknowledged receipt of service. The original bill was submitted to carrier on 01/10/2022 ... The carrier denied the reconsideration based on Duplicate Payment. The Bill for date of service (01/04/2022) indicates that it was processed and paid. It looks like the carrier processed the claim but never issued a payment to our facility.

Amount in Dispute: \$85.60

Respondent's Position

The Austin carrier representative for ACE American Insurance Co is Downs & Stanford PC. Downs & Stanford PC was notified of this medical fee dispute on April 5, 2022. Rule §133.307(d)(1) states that if the division does not receive the response within 14 calendar days of the dispute notification, then the division may base its decision on the available information. As of today, no response has been received from the carrier or its representative. We therefore base this decision on the information available as authorized under §133.307(d)(1).

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 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 TAC §134.503 sets out the pharmacy fee guideline.

Denial Reasons

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

- 1 – Original DCN 509773109
- 2 – This procedure on this date was previously reviewed
- 3 18 – Duplicate claim/service

Issues

1. Is Memorial Compounding RX entitled to additional reimbursement?

Findings

1. Memorial Compounding is requesting reimbursement for Acetaminophen/Cod #4 tablet dispensed on January 4, 2022.

DWC Rule 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.503(c)(1)(A) states, "The insurance carrier shall reimburse the health care provider or pharmacy processing agent for prescription drugs the lesser of: (1) the fee established by the following formulas 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: (A) Generic drugs: $((AWP \text{ per unit}) \times (\text{number of units}) \times 1.25) + \4.00 dispensing fee per prescription = reimbursement amount."

Drug	NDC	Generic(G) /Brand(B)	Price /Unit	Units Billed	AWP Formula	Billed Amt	Lesser of AWP and Billed
Acetaminophen/Cod	00406048505	G	\$0.94	30	\$35.13	\$85.60	\$35.13
						Total	\$35.13

The total reimbursement is \$35.13. This amount 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 \$35.13 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 ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE CO must remit to MEMORIAL COMPOUNDING RX \$35.13 plus applicable accrued interest within 30 days of receiving this order in accordance with 28 TAC §134.130.

Authorized Signature

[Redacted Signature]

Signature

[Redacted Name]

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

June 14, 2022

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. 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.

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.