



Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name

Richard Channing, D.C.

Respondent Name

Arch Indemnity Insurance Co.

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-22-2384-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 19

DWC Date Received

July 10, 2022

Summary of Findings

| Dates of Service | Disputed Services | Amount in Dispute | Amount Due |
|------------------|--|-------------------|------------|
| April 28, 2022 | Designated Doctor Examination 99456-RE-W6 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 |

Requestor's Position

I originally submitted the billing with supporting documentation, which included Designated Doctor Report, DWC-form 69 and DWC-form 73 for the amount of 500.00 Designated Doctor Extent only evaluation code and modifier 99456-RE-W6 on 05/02/2022. Included is a screen shot my fax window showing that fax was sent.

Amount in Dispute: \$500.00

Respondent's Position

The Austin carrier representative for Arch Indemnity Insurance Co. is Flahive, Ogden & Latson. The representative was notified of this medical fee dispute on July 19, 2022.

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 Texas Administrative Code §133.20 sets out the procedures for submission of medical bills.
2. 28 TAC §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.

Denial Reasons

Neither party submitted an explanation of benefits with reasons for non-payment of payment for the disputed services.

Issues

1. Is Richard Channing, D.C. entitled to additional reimbursement?

Findings

1. Dr. Channing is seeking reimbursement for a designated doctor examination to determine the extent of the compensable injury. 28 TAC §133.20 requires the health care provider to submit medical bills to the insurance carrier.

Per 28 TAC §133.307 (c)(2), all evidence to support its request for the fees in question. Review of the submitted documentation does not support that a medical bill for the services in question was submitted to the insurance carrier. No reimbursement can be 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 not established that additional reimbursement is due.

Order

Under Texas Labor Code §§413.031 and 413.019, DWC has determined the requestor is not entitled to additional reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

October 12, 2022

Date

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

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.