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# **Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision**

### **General Information**

Requestor Name JASON R BAILEY

**Respondent Name** SENTRY SELECT INSURANCE CO

MFDR Tracking Number M4-22-2575-01 **Carrier's Austin Representative** Box Number 19

DWC Date Received August 9, 2022

### **Summary of Findings**

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
June 11, 2021	Code 12002 and 64450	\$1,793.80	\$0.00
	Total	\$1,793.80	\$0.00

### **Requestor's Position**

Our claim was submitted on 07/26/2021 in the amount of \$8,044.80 and reimbursed a partial payment of \$1,692.74. Per EOB received dated 08/04/2021, code 12002 and 64450 was denied due to the service is included in another code billed on the same day.

Amount in Dispute: \$1,793.00

# **Respondent's Position**

After CCL review of disputed codes they have maintained the NCCI edit denials of CPTS 12002 and 64450. I have attached dispute documents and the CCL response and new EOB for review.

#### Response Submitted by: Sentry

# **Findings and Decision**

#### <u>Authority</u>

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.

#### Denial Reasons

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

- 59 Processed based on multiple or concurrent procedure rules
- 97 The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated
- 150 Payer deems the information submitted does not support this level of service

#### <u>lssues</u>

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

#### **Findings**

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states:

Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The division 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.

The date of the services in dispute is June 11, 2021. The request for medical fee dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) Section on August 9, 2022. 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 in §133.307(c)(1)(B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division's MFDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

#### **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**

			September 2, 2022
Signature	Medical Fee Dispute R	esolution Officer	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 <u>www.tdi.texas.gov/forms/form20numeric.html</u>. 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 electronico CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov.