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Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name
Memorial Compounding Pharmacy

Respondent Name
State Farm Fire & Casualty Co

MFDR Tracking Number
M4-22-2654-01

Carrier's Austin Representative
Box Number 01

DWC Date Received
August 19, 2022

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
June 20, 2022	51228-0177-05	$284.26	$98.48
		$284.26	$98.48

Requestor's Position

"After reviewing the explanation of benefits it indicates the alternate vendor, TMESYS paid $144.19 and not the full amount of $428.45. The claim should be processed with the full amount billed as per Administrative Labor Code 134.503(c), as well as by the direct carrier, not an alternate vendor."

Amount in Dispute: $284.26

Respondent's Position

"Carrier has issued payment for the Amitriptyline in the amount of $99.25, Cyclobenzaprine in the amount of $44.94, and will issue payment for the Gabapentin in the amount of $284.26 for a total of $428.45. Carrier contends no further amount is owed as the billed amount exceeds the Fee Guidelines."

Response submitted by: Smith & Carr, P.C.

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 §134.503 sets out the fee guidelines for pharmacy services.

Denial Reasons

- Neither party submitted an explanation of benefits to support adjudication of the disputed service.

Issues

1. What rule(s) apply to disputed services?

Findings

1. The requestor is seeking reimbursement for oral medication dispensed June 20, 2022. The insurance company stated in their response to MFDR payment was to be made. To date, no evidence received to support a payment was received. The service in dispute will be reviewed per applicable fee guideline.
2. DWC Rule 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.503 (c)(1)(A)(B) states in pertinent part (c) 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 per unit) x (number of units) x 1.25) + $4.00 dispensing fee per prescription = reimbursement amount;

      (B) Brand name drugs: ((AWP per unit) x (number of units) x 1.09) + $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
Gabapentin	50228017705	G	2.519	30	98.48	$284.26	$98.48
						$284.26	$98.48

The total reimbursement is $98.48. 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 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 respondent must remit to requestor $98.48 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	March 10, 2023 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 electronico CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov.