



Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name

North Central Baptist Hospital

Respondent Name

Northside ISD

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-23-1639-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 16

DWC Date Received

March 10, 2023

Summary of Findings

| Dates of Service | Disputed Services | Amount in Dispute | Amount Due |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| February 15, 2022 | 278 | \$908.10 | \$0.00 |
| Total | | \$908.10 | \$0.00 |

Requestor's Position

The requestor did not submit a position statement with this request for MFDR but did submit a copy of their reconsideration dated July 28, 2022, that states, "We have received payment in the amount of \$39,852.75... Per the terms of our contract, the service type: (IP With Implantable) is to be reimbursed in the amount of \$29013.75."

Amount in Dispute: \$908.10

Respondent's Position

The Austin carrier representative for Northside ISD is Adami, Shuffield, Scheihing & Burns. The representative was notified of this medical fee dispute on March 21, 2023.

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 §133.20](#) sets out the billing requirements of professional medical claims.

Denial Reasons

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

- 4896 – Payment made per Medicare's IPPS methodology, with the applicable state markup
- 6981 – Charges for surgical implants are reviewed separately by ForeSight Medical. Please expect a detailed explanation of review for surgical implants chargers directly from ForeSight Medical and direct all surgical implant inquiries to ForeSight Medical at 813-930-5346.
- P12 – Workers' Compensation Jurisdictional Fee Schedule.

Issues

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

Findings

1. The requestor is seeking additional payment for inpatient hospital services rendered in February 2022. DWC Rule 28 TAC §133.307(c)(1) states:
"Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file with the Division's MDR Section or waive the right to MDR. The Division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the division receives the request.
(A) A request for medical fee dispute resolution 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.
(B) A request may be filed later than one year after the date(s) of service if:

(i) a related compensability, extent of injury, or liability dispute under Labor Code Chapter 410 has been filed, the medical fee dispute shall be filed not later than 60 days after the date the requestor receives the final decision, inclusive of all appeals, on compensability, extent of injury, or liability;

(ii) a medical dispute regarding medical necessity has been filed, the medical fee dispute must be filed not later than 60 days after the date the requestor received the final decision on medical necessity, inclusive of all appeals, related to the health care in dispute and for which the insurance carrier previously denied payment based on medical necessity; or

(iii) the dispute relates to a refund notice issued pursuant to a division audit or review, the medical fee dispute must be filed not later than 60 days after the date of the receipt of a refund notice.

The date of the service in dispute is February 15, 2022. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Dispute Resolution (MDR) section on March 10, 2023. Review of the submitted documentation found insufficient evidence to support an exception as detailed above. The requestor has waived their right to MFDR.

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

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

May 18, 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 electrónico CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov.