

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name
PROVIDENCE
TRANSMOUNTAIN

Respondent Name
CITY OF EL PASO

MFDR Tracking Number
M4-23-1894-01

Carrier's Austin Representative
Box Number 19

DWC Date Received
April 3, 2023

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
March 21, 2022	Code 72195 and 74181	\$980.24	\$0.00
Total		\$980.24	\$0.00

"Please allow this letter to serve as a formal reconsideration. The above reference claim was denied for untimely filing. Every effort is made at the time of service to obtain complete and accurate insurance information from your member in order to submit the claim in a timely manner and collect payment for the above reference services."

Amount in Dispute: \$980.24

Respondent's Position

"The expenses in question were incurred on 3/21/2022. Our first receipt of the bill was on 11/30/2022 and on 12/16/2022 it was denied for timely filing. On 1/11/2023 we received a reconsideration and the original determination was maintained on 1/23/2023. We have enclosed copies of the date stamped bills received along with medical documentation from the provider that they had the correct mailing address."

Response Submitted by: Claims Administrative Services Inc

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 §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.

Denial Reasons

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

- 1 719 – Per Rule 133.20 a medical bill shall not be submitted later than the 95th day after the date of service
- 2 29 – The time limit for filing has expired
- 350 – Bill has been identified as a request for reconsideration or appeal
- W3 – In accordance with TDI-DWC Rule 134.804, this bill has been identified as a request for reconsideration or appeal

Issues

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 must timely file the request with the division or waive the right to MFDR. The division will deem a request to be filed on the date the division receives the request. A decision by the division 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 March 31, 2022. The request for medical fee dispute resolution was received on April 03, 2023. 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; 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 that no 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



April 21, 2023

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.