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Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name
Texas Regional Medical Center

Respondent Name
Texas Mutual Insurance Co

MFDR Tracking Number
M4-23-2172-01

Carrier's Austin Representative
Box Number 54

DWC Date Received
May 4, 2023

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
June 29, 2022	73030	$564.00	$0.00
June 29, 2022	73562	$469.00	$0.00
June 29, 2022	72125	$2330.00	$0.00
June 29, 2022	72128	$2443.00	$0.00
June 29, 2022	99284	$1435.00	$0.00
June 29, 2022	X9907	$25.00	$0.00
June 29, 2022	X9907	$12.50	$0.00
	Total	$7,278.50	$0.00

Requestor's Position

The requestor did not submit a position statement with their request for MFDR. They did submit a document titled "Reconsideration" addressed to the Texas Department of Insurance. Requests for reconsideration must be submitted to the correct workers' compensation carrier not TDI. This document states, "Please note that patient's private health insurance BCBS, was billed prior to billing work comp carrier..."

Amount in Dispute: $7,278.50

Respondent's Position

"Texas Mutual on 10/25/2022 received the bill from Texas Regional Medical Center. Documentation attached to the DWC60 packet is only the BCBS eligibility verification form, it does not support the bill was billed to the private health group, nor is there an EOB attached to support proof if [sic] timely filing."

Response Submitted by: Texas Mutual

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

2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.20 sets out requirements of medical bill submission.

3. Texas Labor Code 408.0272 sets out the workers compensation timely billing and exceptions guidelines.

Denial Reasons

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

- 29 – The time limit for filing has expired

Issues

1. Did the requestor support timely submission of medical claim?

Findings

1. The requestor is seeking reimbursement for emergency room services rendered in June of 2022. The insurance carrier denied the claim as the time limit for filing has expired.

   DWC Rule 28 TAC §133.20 (b) states in pertinent part,

   (b) Except as provided in Labor Code §408.0272(b), (c) or (d), a health care provider shall not submit a medical bill later than the 95th day after the date the services are provided.

   Texas Labor Code 408.0272. (b) states in pertinent part,

(b) Notwithstanding Section 408.0272, a health care provider who fails to timely submit a claim for payment to the insurance carrier under Section 408.0272(a) does not forfeit the provider's right to reimbursement for that claim for payment solely for failure to submit a timely claim if:

(1) the provider submits proof satisfactory to the commissioner that the provider, within the period prescribed by Section 408.027(a), erroneously filed for reimbursement with:

(A) an insurer that issues a policy of group accident and health insurance under which the injured employee is a covered insured;

(B) a health maintenance organization that issues an evidence of coverage under which the injured employee is a covered enrollee; or

(C) a workers' compensation insurance carrier other than the insurance carrier liable for the payment of benefits under this title;

(2) the commissioner determines that the failure resulted from a catastrophic event that substantially interfered with the normal business operations of the provider.

Review of the submitted documentation found only an eligibility verification from Blue Cross Blue Shield. No other documentation to support timely submission of the claim after notification of the correct workers' compensation carrier was found,. No payment 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 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

		June 8, 2023
Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution 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 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.