



Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name

St Lukes Baptist Hospital

Respondent Name

Service Lloyds Insurance Co

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-23-3075-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 01

DWC Date Received

August 3, 2023

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
February 7, 2023	252	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 7, 2023	258	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 7, 2023	272	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 7, 2023	278	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 7, 2023	360	\$2619.31	\$2619.31
February 7, 2023	370	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 7, 2023	636	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 7, 2023	710	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 7, 2023	761	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total	\$2619.31	\$2619.31

Requestor's Position

"The payable code is CPT code 29827 with a payment rate of \$5699.59 x wage index of 0.9679 = \$11179.63. The carrier is incorrect in their review, this did not pay markup. We are seeking an additional reimbursement of \$2619.31, and this is the amount is dispute."

Amount in Dispute: \$2619.31

Respondent's Position

"The previous review is being maintained, paid at \$89,560.32, and no additional allowance is recommended. Previous reviews asked for separate implant reimbursement but there were no attached invoices to process for the additional markup. This request has also not produced any implant invoices.

Response submitted by: Mitchell

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 §134.403](#) sets out the fee guidelines for outpatient hospital services.

Denial Reasons

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

- 305 – The implant is included in this billing and is reimbursed at the higher percentage calculation.
- 370 – This hospital outpatient allowance was calculated according to the APC rate plus a markup.
- 618 – The value of this procedure is packaged into the payment of other services performed on the same date of service.
- P12 – Workers' compensation jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment.
- U03 – This billed service was reviewed by UR and authorized.
- 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 seek separate reimbursement of implants?
2. What rule is applicable to reimbursement?
3. Is the requester entitled to additional reimbursement?

Findings

1. The requestor is seeking additional payment of surgery rendered in an outpatient hospital services on February 7, 2023. Review of the submitted medical bill and request for reconsideration indicates separate reimbursement for implants was not requested. The insurance carrier's reduction is not supported. The disputed service will be reviewed per applicable fee guideline.
2. DWC Rule 28 TAC §134.403 (d) requires Texas workers' compensation system participants when coding, billing, reporting and reimbursement to apply Medicare payment policies in effect on the date of service.

The Medicare payment policy applicable to the services in dispute is found at www.cms.gov, Claims processing Manual, Chapter 4, Section 10.1.1. Specifically, Payment Status Indicators and Ambulatory Payment Category (APC).

DWC Rule 28 TAC 134.403 (e) states in pertinent part, regardless of billed amount, when no specific fee schedule or contract reimbursement shall be the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) amount under subsection (f) of this section including any applicable outlier payment amounts and reimbursement for implantables.

DWC Rule 28 TAC 134.403 (f) states in pertinent part the reimbursement calculation used for establishing the MAR shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the *Federal Register*.

The Medicare facility specific amount is calculated when the APC payment rate is multiplied by 60% to determine the labor portion. This amount is multiplied by the facility wage index for the date of service. The non-labor amount is determined when the APC payment rate is multiplied by 40%. The sum of the labor portion multiplied by the facility wage index and the non-labor portion determines the Medicare specific amount. The Medicare specific amount will be multiplied by 200% as the requestor did not seek separate reimbursement of the implants.

Review of the submitted medical bill and the applicable fee guidelines referenced above is shown below.

- Procedure code 29827 has status indicator J1, for procedures paid at a comprehensive rate. All covered services on the bill are packaged with the primary "J1" procedure. This code is assigned APC 5114. The OPPS Addendum A rate is \$6,397.05 multiplied by 60% for an unadjusted labor amount of \$3,838.23, in turn multiplied by facility wage index 0.9925 for an adjusted labor amount of \$3,809.44.

The non-labor portion is 40% of the APC rate, or \$2,558.82.

The sum of the labor and non-labor portions is \$6,368.26.

The Medicare facility specific amount is \$6,368.26 multiplied by 200% for a MAR of

\$12,736.52.

3. The total recommended reimbursement for the disputed services is \$12,736.52. The insurance carrier paid \$8,560.32. The requestor is seeking additional reimbursement of \$2,619.31. 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 of \$2,619.31 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 Service Lloyds Insurance Co must remit to St Lukes Baptist Hospital \$2,619.31 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

August 24, 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.

