



Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name

Tyler Neurosurgical Assoc

Respondent Name

WCF National Insurance Co

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-24-0336-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 19

DWC Date Received

October 6, 2023

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
March 17, 2022	99252	\$300.00	\$0.00
March 18, 2022	22612	\$6093.00	\$0.00
March 18, 2022	63047(51)	\$5486.00	\$0.00
March 18, 2022	22842	\$4121.00	\$0.00
March 18, 2022	22614	\$1720.00	\$0.00
March 18, 2022	20930	\$600.00	\$0.00
March 18, 2022	20936	\$600.00	\$0.00
March 18, 2022	22612(AS)	\$1523.00	\$0.00
March 18, 2022	63047(AS)(51)	\$1371.50	\$0.00
March 18, 2022	22842(AS)	\$993.75	\$0.00
March 18, 2022	22614(AS)	\$430.00	\$0.00
Total		\$23,238.25	\$0.00

Requestor's Position

The requestor did not submit a position statement with this request for Medical Fee Dispute Resolution.

Amount in Dispute: \$23,238.25

Respondent's Position

"The provider filed a DWC-60, seeking medical fee dispute resolution for dates of service of March 17th and March 18, 2022. Yet, the provider did not file its request for medical fee dispute resolution until October 6, 2023. The deadline for the provider to have filed a request for medical fee dispute resolution was not later than one year after the date of service."

Response submitted by: Flahive, Ogden & Latson

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 \(TAC\) §133.307](#) sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.

Denial Reasons

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

- 193 – Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly.
- 29 – The time limit for filing has expired.
- 4271 – Per TX Labor Code Sec. 408.027, providers must submit bills to payors within 95 days of the date of service.

Issues

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

Findings

1. The requestor is seeking payment for professional services rendered in March of 2022. The insurance carrier denied the disputed services as not submitted timely.

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 March 17-18, 2022. The request for medical dispute resolution was received at the Division on October 6, 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 reimbursement is due.

Order

Under Texas Labor Code §§413.031 and 413.019, DWC has determined the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

November 2 , 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.