



Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name

Baptist Medical Center

Respondent Name

Znat Insurance Co

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-24-0506-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 47

DWC Date Received

October 30, 2023

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
April 2, 2022	99282-25	\$253.58	\$0.00
Total		\$253.58	\$0.00

Requestor's Position

The requestor did not submit a position statement with this request for Medical Fee Dispute Resolution. They did submit a copy of their reconsideration request that states, "This claim has a service date of service 04/02/2022. Patient's employer called to updated work comp information 8/18/2022. Provided zenith po box 1558 sarasota, ga 34230. Bill then submitted 8/18/2022. Hence, this claim was billed timely."

Amount in Dispute: \$253.58

Respondent's Position

"Zenith's review and findings for date of service 04/02/2022: Baptist was required to submit the medical bill within 95 days from the date of the notification. The 95th day from 04/02/2022 was 07/06/2022. Zenith received the original bill submission on 08/26/2022 (Exhibit #1). Therefore, the original denial should stand. Pursuant to Rules 133.20(b), Sections 408.027(a) and 408.0272(B), Baptist has forfeited the right to reimbursement due to untimely submission of the medical bills to Zenith."

Response submitted by: Zenith Insurance

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:

- 29 – The time limit for filing has expired.
- 200 – Per 133.20, a medical bill shall not be submitted later than the 1st day of the 11th month. (<08/31/05) or 95 days (>09/01/05) after DOS.
- 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. The requestor is seeking payment for outpatient emergency room services rendered on April 2, 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 April 2, 2022. The request for medical dispute resolution was received at the Division on October 30, 2023.

Review of the submitted documentation found insufficient evidence to support that the requestor met any of the exceptions detailed above. The requestor has therefore 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	December 6, 2023 Date
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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.