



MEDICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

Retrospective Medical Necessity and Fee Dispute

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Requestor: (X) Health Care Provider () Injured Employee () Insurance Carrier	
Requestor's Name and Address Work Ready Rehab 500 Century Plaza Dr #165 Houston TX 77073	MDR Tracking No.: M5-05-2730-01
	Claim No.:
	Injured Employee's Name:
Respondent's Name and Address Texas Mutual Insurance Box 54	Date of Injury:
	Employer's Name:
	Insurance Carrier's No.:

PART II: REQUESTOR'S PRINCIPLE DOCUMENTATION AND POSITION SUMMARY

Documentation submitted: TWCC-60 package, EOBs, CMS-1500s.
Position summary: PT to reach optimum medical.

PART III: RESPONDENT'S PRINCIPLE DOCUMENTATION AND POSITION SUMMARY

Documentation submitted: TWCC-60 response and EOBs.
Position summary: None

PART IV: SUMMARY OF DISPUTE AND FINDINGS

Date(s) of Service	CPT Code(s) or Description	Medically Necessary?	Additional Amount Due (if any)
5-3-04 TO 7-30-04	MEDICAL NECESSITY ISSUES WERE DISMISSED DUE TO NONPAYMENT OF THE IRO FEE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

PART V: MEDICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION REVIEW SUMMARY, METHODOLOGY, AND/OR EXPLANATION

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code and Division Rule 133.308 (relating to Medical Dispute Resolution by Independent Review Organization), Medical Dispute Resolution assigned an Independent Review Organization (IRO) to conduct a review of the medical necessity issues between the requestor and respondent.

Based on review of the disputed issues within the request, the Division has determined that **medical necessity was not the only issue** to be resolved. This dispute also contained services that were not addressed by the IRO and will be reviewed by Medical Dispute Resolution.

On 7-20-05, Medical Review submitted a Notice to requestor to submit additional documentation necessary to support the charges and to challenge the reasons the respondent had denied reimbursement within 14 days of the requestor's receipt of the Notice.

Code 97112 billed on 5-7-04 had no EOB submitted by either party and the requestor did not submit a bill for this charge.

The requestor did not submit convincing evidence of carrier receipt of request for EOB, therefore, no review and no reimbursement recommended

Code 97002 billed on 5-14-04 was denied as N, JF – documentation submitted does not substantiate the service billed. The requestor did not submit relevant documentation to support level of service rendered. Therefore, no reimbursement recommended.

Codes 97110 and 97112 billed on 5-21-04 were denied as W4, 891 – insurance company is reducing or denying payment after reconsidering a bill. Neither party submitted the original EOB; therefore, the original denial reason is unknown. No review and no reimbursement recommended.

Code 97150 billed on dates of service 7-9-04, 7-14-04, 7-16-04, 7-19-04, 7-21-04, and 7-26-04 was denied as ‘NH – coverage of a group procedure is determined on an individual case basis. Documentation of the specific services rendered and the number of persons in the group must be submitted.’ The requestor did not submit relevant documentation to support services as billed. Therefore, no reimbursement recommended.

PART VI: GENERAL PAYMENT POLICIES/REFERENCES IMPACTING DECISION

28 Texas Administrative Code Sec. 133.308, 133.307, 134.202

PART VII: DIVISION DECISION

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code, Sec. 413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is not entitled to additional reimbursement for the services involved in this dispute and is not entitled to a refund of the paid IRO fee.

Findings and Decision by:

Medical Dispute Officer

9-28-05

Authorized Signature

Typed Name

Date

PART VIII: YOUR RIGHT TO REQUEST JUDICIAL REVIEW

Appeals of medical dispute resolution decisions and orders are procedurally made directly to a district court in Travis County [see Texas Labor Code, Sec. 413.031(k), as amended and effective Sept. 1, 2005]. An appeal to District Court must be filed not later than 30 days after the date on which the decision that is the subject of the appeal is final and appealable. The Division is not considered a party to the appeal.

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.