



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48
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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

TEXAS BONE & JOINT CENTER

Respondent Name

WC SOLUTIONS

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-17-1384-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received

JANUARY 13, 2017

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "We have enclosed a Mail Log of the billing record which is proof that the charges were billed on time."

Amount in Dispute: \$279.67

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Starr Comprehensive Solutions respectfully request that this MFDR dispute be dismissed as untimely filing."

Response Submitted by: Starr Comprehensive Solutions, Inc.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
October 21, 2015	CPT Code 99214	\$254.67	\$0.00
	CPT Code 99080-73	\$25.00	
TOTAL		\$279.67	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
 - 29-The time limit for filing has expired.
 - W3-Additional reimbursement made on reconsideration.
 - 16-Documetnation does not support billed services.

- 193-Original payment decision is being maintained. This claim was processed properly the first time.
- W3/193-Per rule 134.804, W3 is to be used when a payment is made following a request for reconsideration. The service adjustment amount associated with this code may be zero. Original payment decision is being maintained.
- 29-The documentation submitted did not provide convincing evidence to support the position that his bill was submitted timely to the Workers' Compensation carrier.
- 29-Per rule 133.20(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.
- 29-Per DWC Rule 129.5(d)(2) The doctor shall file the Work Status Report when the employee experiences a change in work status or substantial change in activity restrictions.

Issue

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

Findings

28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states: "Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MFDR Section receives the request. A decision by the MFDR Section that a request was not timely filed is not a dismissal and may be appealed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. (A) A request for MFDR 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." The date of the services in dispute is October 21, 2015. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) section on January 13, 2017. This date is later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307(c)(1)(B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division's MFDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

The Division finds that the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution for the services in dispute, as addressed in 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) and (c)(1)(A). For that reason, the merits of the issues raised by the parties to this dispute have not been addressed.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the services in dispute.

Authorized Signature



 Signature

Elizabeth Pickle, RHIA
 Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

04/04/2017
 Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register 3833*, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

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