



Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name

Robert Jaehne, DC

Respondent Name

Indemnity Insurance Co of North America

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-24-2160-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 15

Date Received

June 6, 2024

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
April 27, 2023	DDE / 99456 W5 WP	\$ 650.00	\$0.00
Total		\$ 650.00	\$0.00

Requestor's Position

"CARRIER IS REQUIRED TO PAY DESIGNATED DOCTOR AN ORIGINAL BILL AND A RECONSIDERATION WERE SUBMITTED; THE CURRENT RULES ALLOW REIMBURSEMENT."

Amount in Dispute: \$650.00

Respondent's Position

"The Respondent does not disagree that DD exams are payable; however, while the carrier is 'required' to pay DDE bills, the carrier is only 'required' to pay when HCP has billed and provided services in accordance with current rules. Given no violation of the Workers' Compensation Act or division rules, CorVel respectfully requests the division issue a decision indicating the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for date(s) of service 04/27/2023 in the amount of \$650.00 based on the division rules referenced herein."

Response Submitted by: CorVel Healthcare Corporation

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 [\(TAC\) §133.305](#) sets out the procedures for resolving medical disputes.
2. [28 TAC §133.307](#) sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.

Denial Reasons

Neither party submitted explanation of benefits (EOBs) for consideration in this dispute. Accordingly, the review is based on the information available at the time of the review.

Issues

Has the requestor waived their right to medical fee dispute resolution?

Findings

The requestor seeks payment in the amount of \$650.00, for medical services provided on April 27, 2023.

28 TAC §133.307 (c) (1) states in the pertinent part, "Timeliness. A requestor must timely file the request with the division or waive the right to MFDR. The division will deem a request to be filed on the date the division receives the request. A decision by the division that a request was not timely filed is not a dismissal and may be appealed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section."

The service in question was performed on April 27, 2023. The medical fee dispute was received by the Division on June 6, 2024. This date is more than a year following the in-question date(s) of service.

28 TAC §133.307 (c) (1) (A) states, "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."

A review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed service(s) do involve issues identified in 28 TAC §133.307 (c) (1) (B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

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.

The Division finds the requestor has not established that reimbursement of \$650.00 is due.

Order

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

Authorized Signature

_____	_____	June 25, 2024
Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	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. The Division must receive the request within **20 days** of when you receive this decision. You may fax, mail, or personally deliver your request to the Division using the contact information on the form or the field office handling the claim. If you have questions about the DWC Form-045M, 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 the Division. **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.