

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name

Acadian Ambulance
Service of Texas

Respondent Name

Hartford Casualty Insurance Company

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-24-2328-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 47

Date Received

June 21, 2024

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
March 22, 2021	A0427	\$574.51	\$0.00
March 22, 2021	A0425	\$28.62	\$0.00
Total		\$603.13	\$0.00

Requestor's Position

"For emergency ground transportation services in the County/Parish/City of Harris County ambulance services are billed at set rates per the Contractual Agreement with AASI and the respective County/Parish/City."

Amount in Dispute: \$603.13

Respondent's Position

"The original bill was received by the carrier on 08/05/2023. As stated above, this employer allows bills to be submitted no later than 1 year from the date services were rendered (DOS). For this employer, this meant the deadline to submit the bill for DOS 3/22/2021 was 3/21/2022. However, the Requestor's bill passed this time limit. There was nothing included with the original billing that provided some sort of rationale for the late submission of the bill."

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

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

- 29, RM2 – Time limit for filing claim/bill has expired.
- 234 – This procedure is not paid for separately.
- R38 – Included in another billed procedure.
- Note: Effective January 1, 2006, items and services which include but are not limited to oxygen, drugs, extra attendant's, supplies, EKG, and night differential are no longer paid separately for ambulance services.

Issues

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

Findings

The requestor seeks payment in the amount of \$603.13, for medical services provided on March 22, 2021.

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 March 22, 2021. The medical fee dispute was received by the Division on June 21, 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) does not 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 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

_____	_____	July 16, 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 electronico CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov.