



Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name

Northeast Baptist Hospital

Respondent Name

Ace American Insurance Company

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-25-1252-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 15

Date Received

February 6, 2025

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
October 3, 2023 – October 4, 2023	Hospital Services	\$11,706.88	\$0.00

Requestor's Position

"The Hospital's records reflect the patient was injured in work related injury. The Hospital provided the medically necessary services on the above dates of service. The Hospital billed ESIS, but the bill was underpaid and not paid/reimbursed appropriately in accordance with Chapter 134 of the Texas Administrative Code. However, despite the Hospital's efforts and Request for Reconsiderations sent to ESIS on June 17, 2024, and January 7, 2025, ESIS has not rendered proper payment."

Amount in Dispute: \$11,706.88

Respondents' Position

"Under Division Rule 133.307(c)(1)(A), a Request for Medical Fee Dispute Resolution must be provided within one year of the date of service. It does not appear that Northeast Baptist Hospital's request for medical fee dispute resolution was made until February 6, 2025. Accordingly, the dates of service at issue is outside of the one-year deadline and the Division lacks jurisdiction to consider this dispute."

Response Submitted by: ESIS Inc.

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 reduced or denied the payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:

- Charge exceeds fee schedule allowance.
- A bilateral surgical procedure was performed.
- Items and/or services are packaged into APC rate. Therefore, there is no separate APC payment.
- This item is an integral part of the emergency room visit or surgical procedure and is therefore included in the reimbursement for the facility/APC rate.
- 59 - Processed based on multiple concurrent procedure rules.
- 97 - The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated.
- P12 - Workers' compensation jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment.
- A technical bill review has been performed.
- M15 - Separately billed services/test have been bundled as they are considered components of the same procedure. Separate payment is not allowed.
- 193 - Original payment decision is being maintained period. This claim was processed properly the first time. Space.
- This appeal is denied as we find the original reflected. Appropriate allowance for the service rendered. We find that no additional recommendation is warranted at this time.

Issues

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

Findings

The requestor seeks payment in the amount of \$11,706.88, for medical services provided on October 3, 2023, and October 4, 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 October 3, 2023, and October 4, 2023. The medical fee dispute was received by the Division on February 6, 2025. 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

_____	_____	February 27, 2025
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.