



## Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

### General Information

**Requestor Name**

Providence Sierra

**Respondent Name**

State Office of Risk Management

**MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-25-1378-01

**Carrier's Austin Representative**

Box Number 45

**Date Received**

February 21, 2025

### Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
January 16, 2023 – January 19, 2023	Hospital Services	\$9,802.14	\$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 Careworks, but the bill was denied. However, despite the Hospital's efforts and Request for Reconsideration Careworks has not rendered proper payment."

**Amount in Dispute:** \$9,802.14

### Respondent's Position

"Upon receiving notification of the dispute submitted by the requestor Providence - Sierra the Office reviewed the disputed charges and determined we will maintain our denial."

**Response Submitted by:** State Office of Risk Management

# 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 payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:

- 29 - The time limit for filing has expired.
- W3 - Reporting purposes only
- 193 - Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review it was determined that this claim was processed properly.
- 197 - Payment denied/reduced for absence of pre-certification/preauthorization.
- 18 - Exact duplicate claim/service.

## **Issues**

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

## **Findings**

1. The requestor seeks payment in the amount of \$9,802.14, for medical services provided on January 16, 2023, through January 19, 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 January 16, 2023, through January 19, 2023. The medical fee dispute was received by the Division on February 21, 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 services do 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**

_____	_____	March 14, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov).