

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requestor Name

METHODIST DALLAS
MEDICAL CENTER

Respondent Name

CITY OF DALLAS

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-25-1491-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 53

Date Received

March 5, 2025

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
August 16, 2023	Emergency room visit	\$475.71	\$0.00

Requestor's Position

"394 – Timely Filing Denial.

Please reconsider your decision for timely filing. I have attached proof of timely as a payment from BlueCross BlueShield."

Amount in Dispute: \$475.71

Respondents' Position

"Date of service 8/16/2023 is past timely filing for MDR per Division Rule 133.3079c [sic]. (Requestor for medical fee dispute resolution must be filed ' no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute.') MDR stamped received date 03/05/2025 submitted to TPA 03/12/2025. Therefore, the Division does not have jurisdiction over the dispute, and it must dismiss the request for resolution for date of service 08/16/2023."

Response Submitted by: Injury Management Organization

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 – The time limit for filing has expired.
- 97 – The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated
- M15 – Separately billed services/tests have been bundled as they are considered components of the same procedure. Separate payment is not allowed
- Payment disallowed: This item is an STV-packaged code that is packaged into the payment for code with status indicator S, T, or V; or a conditional packaging code, for which payment is packaged into a single payment for specific combination of services

Issues

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

Findings

The requestor seeks payment in the amount of \$475.71, for facility charges provided on August 16, 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 August 16, 2023. The medical fee dispute was received by the Division on March 5, 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

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Signature	March 28, 2025
	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.