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Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requester Name
METHODIST HEALTH SYSTEMS

Respondent Name
TEXAS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO

MFDR Tracking Number
M4-25-2600-01

Carrier's Austin Representative
Box Number 54

DWC Date Received
June 18, 2025

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
May 16, 2023	Hospital Outpatient	$12,842.11	$0.00

Requester's Position

"Requesting review of network denial."

Amount in Dispute: $12,842.11

Respondent's Position

"One year from disputed date 5/16/2023. The TDI/DWC date stamp lists the received date as 06/18/2025 on the requestor's DWC-60 packet, a date greater than one year. The requestor has waived its right to DWC MFDR.

Our position is that no payment is due."

Response Submitted by: Texas Mutual

Findings and Decision

Authority

This medical fee dispute is decided according to Texas Labor Code (TLC) §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 payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:

- CAC-P12 – Workers' Compensation Jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment.
- CAC-243 – Services not authorized by network/primary care providers.
- CAC-97 – The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated.
- D27 – Provider not approved to treat WorkWell, TX Network claimant. For network information call 844-867-2338
- 217 – The value of this procedure is included in the value of another procedure performed on this date.
- 305 – The implant is included in this billing and is reimburse at the higher percentage calculation.
- CAC-W3 – In accordance with TDI-DWC Rule 134.804, this bill has been identified as a request for reconsideration or appeal
- CAC-193 – Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that its claim was processed properly.
- DC4 – No additional reimbursement allowed after reconsideration. For information call (888) 532-5246.
- D27 – Provider not approved to treat WorkWell, TX network claimant. For network information call 844-867-2338.
- 350 – In accordance with TDI-DWC Rule 134.804, this bill has been identified as a request for reconsideration or appeal.

Issues

1. Is the Requester eligible for DWC medical fee dispute resolution for the services in question?

Dismissal

1. The requester is seeking reimbursement for Hospital Outpatient services provided on May 16, 2023. According to 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §133.307(c)(1), a request for Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) must be submitted no later than one year after the date of the disputed service, except in certain limited circumstances outlined in subsection (B) of the same provision.

   Specifically, 28 TAC §133.307(c)(1)(B) allows for a later filing if one of the following conditions applies:

   (i) A related dispute concerning compensability, extent of injury, or liability under Labor Code Chapter 410 has been filed. In such cases, the medical fee dispute must be submitted within 60 days after the requester receives the final decision on compensability, extent of injury, or liability, including all appeals.

   (ii) A dispute regarding medical necessity has been filed. Here, the medical fee dispute must be filed within 60 days after the requester receives the final decision on medical necessity, including all appeals, for the specific health care services in question that were previously denied by the insurance carrier on the basis of medical necessity.

   (iii) The dispute arises from a refund notice issued following a division audit or review. In this situation, the medical fee dispute must be filed within 60 days after the requester receives the refund notice.

In this case, hospital outpatient services were provided on May 16, 2023. The Division received the MFDR request on June 18, 2025, which is more than one year after the dates of service. Upon review of the documentation provided, there is no indication that the dispute falls within any of the exceptions described in 28 TAC §133.307(c)(1)(B).

Therefore, the Division concludes that the requester failed to file the MFDR request within the required timeframe and has consequently waived the right to pursue Medical Fee Dispute Resolution for this claim.

Conclusion

The outcome of this medical fee dispute is based on the evidence presented by the requester and the respondent at the time of adjudication. Though all evidence may not have been discussed, it was considered.

The Division finds the requester has not established that reimbursement is due.

Order

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

Authorized Signature

[redacted]		July 2, 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 electronico CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov.