



Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requester Name

Methodist Health System

Respondent Name

Indemnity Insurance Co of North America

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-25-2712-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 15

DWC Date Received

June 24, 2025

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
October 5, 2024	Emergency visit	\$522.15	\$0.00

Requester's Position

"Requesting review of timely filing."

Amount in Dispute: \$522.15

Respondent's Position

"Respondent received the medical bill in dispute on 1/23/2025, as evidence by the date stamp on the top of the document. As the date of service was 10/5/2024, the medical bill was not submitted to Requestor within 95 days of the date of service, and there is no indication the medical bill was erroneously submitted to another insurance carrier."

Response Submitted by: Downs & Stanford, P.C.

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 \(TAC\) §133.20](#) sets out the procedures for submission of a medical bill.
2. [28 TAC §133.307](#) sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
3. [The Texas Labor Code \(TLC\) §408.027](#) sets out the rules for timely submission of claims by health care providers.
4. [TLC §408.0272](#) sets out the exceptions to the timely filing of a medical bill.
5. [28 TAC §141.1](#) sets out the guidelines for dispute resolution—benefit review conference.

Denial Reasons

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

- 29 – The time limit for filing has expired.
- Need proof of timely filing to process.

Issues

1. Is the requester entitled to reimbursement for the disputed service(s)?

Findings

1. The requester is seeking reimbursement in the amount of \$522.15 for Outpatient emergency room services provided on October 5, 2024. The insurance carrier denied the claim, citing untimely submission of the medical bills.

According to 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §133.20(b) and Texas Labor Code (TLC) §408.027(a), medical bills must be submitted no later than 95 days after the date the services are provided. Exceptions to this rule are outlined in TLC §408.0272(b), which allows for late submission if the provider billed:

- An insurer that issued a group accident and health insurance policy under which the injured employee was covered;
- A health maintenance organization that issued evidence of coverage for the injured employee;
- A workers' compensation insurance carrier other than the one liable for payment of benefits; or
- If the commissioner determines that a catastrophic event substantially interferes with the provider's normal business operations.

TLC §408.0272(d) also provides that the submission deadline may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

Upon review, the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) found insufficient evidence that the medical bills were submitted to the insurance carrier within 95 days after the service date. There

was also no supporting documentation indicating that the bills qualified for any of the stated exceptions, nor any evidence of an agreement between the parties to extend the filing deadline.

Based on the evidence presented, the requester did not demonstrate timely submission or eligibility under an exception. Therefore, the DWC concludes that the requester is not entitled to reimbursement for the services in dispute.

Conclusion

The resolution of this medical fee dispute is based on the evidence submitted by both the requester and the respondent. While not every piece of evidence is discussed in detail, all materials were reviewed and considered.

The DWC finds that the requester has not established entitlement to reimbursement.

Order

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

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

July 28, 2025

Date

Your Right to Appeal

Either party involved in this medical fee dispute has the right to request a review of this decision under 28 TAC §133.307, which applies to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.

To initiate a request for review, the party must complete and submit *DWC Form-045M, Request to Schedule, Reschedule, or Cancel a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision (BRC-MFD)*, in accordance with the instructions set forth on the form. This form may be accessed at www.tdi.texas.gov/forms/form20numeric.html.

The completed request must be submitted to the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC), within twenty (20) days of receipt of this decision. Submissions may be made via facsimile, postal mail, or personal delivery, using the contact information provided on the form or that of the appropriate DWC field office managing the claim. Timely submission is essential to ensure that the request is considered and processed appropriately.

The party requesting a review must also send a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time as it is submitted to the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC). The request must also include a copy of the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision, along with any other required documents listed in [28 TAC §141.1\(d\)](#).

For any inquiries regarding *DWC Form-045M*, please contact CompConnection at 1-800-252-7031 (option 3) or via email at CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov.

