



Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requester Name

METHODIST HEALTH SYSTEMS

Respondent Name

STATE OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-25-3330-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 45

Date Received

August 19, 2025

Summary of Findings

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
May 29, 2024	Laboratory	\$409.60	\$0.00

Requester's Position

"Requesting review of timely filing."

Amount in Dispute: \$409.60

Respondent's Position

"... the Office respectfully requests that this dispute be dismissed as it is not eligible for Medical Fee Dispute Resolution. The dispute was not timely filed within one year from the discharge date of service of 5/29/2024 under 28 TAC §133.307 (c)(1), as the Division's date stamp shows the dispute was received on 8/19/25. Further review also found that the requester failed to submit a request for reconsideration, as required by 28 TAC 133.250, including evidence of timely filing."

Response Submitted by: State Office of Risk Management

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

- 29 – The time limit for filing has expired

Issues

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

Findings

1. The requester is seeking reimbursement for laboratory services provided on May 29, 2024. 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 based on 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, laboratory services were provided on May 29, 2024. The Division received the MFDR request on August 19, 2025, which is more than one year after the date 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).

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

Conclusion

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.

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.

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

	September 9, 2025
Signature	Date

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

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.