



# Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

## General Information

**Requester Name**

Methodist Health System

**Respondent Name**

Texas Mutual Insurance Company

**MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-26-1298-01

**Insurance Carrier's Austin Representative**

BOX 54 Texas Mutual Insurance Co

**DWC Date Received**

January 8, 2026

## Summary of Findings

Date(s) of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
February 24, 2025	Emergency Visit	\$798.70	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		\$798.70	\$0.00

## Requester's Position

"Requesting review of timely filing. A letter is attached to show proof of timely. We did not receive work comp claim information until 7/23/25, post-marked."

**Amount In Dispute:** \$798.70

## Respondent's Position

"The rationale given by the requestor for the late bill is not consistent with the Rule above, Methodist Dallas Medical Center states they did not receive workers' compensation insurance information until 7/23/2025, however, medical records were requested from the facility on 02/20/2025. 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 Section [413.031](#) and other applicable laws and rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC).

### Statutes and Rules

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section [133.307](#) sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. Labor Code Section [408.0272](#) sets out workers' compensation guidelines for timely billing and exceptions.
3. 28 TAC Section [133.20](#) sets out the requirements for medical bill submission.

### Adjustment Reasons

- CAC-29 – The time limit for filing has expired.
- 731 – Per 133.20(B) provider shall not submit a medical bill later than the 95<sup>th</sup> day after the date the service.
- CAC-W3/350 – 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 this claim was processed properly.
- CAC-29 – The time limit for filing has expired.
- DC4 – No additional reimbursement allowed after reconsideration.
- 731 – Per 133.20(B) provider shall not submit a medical bill later than the 95<sup>th</sup> day after the date of service.

### Issues

1. What is DWC considering in this medical fee dispute?
2. Did the requester support timely submission of medical bill?

### Findings

1. The requester seeks reimbursement of outpatient emergency room services rendered on February 24, 2025 in the amount of \$798.70. The insurance carrier denied the medical bill as the claim was not received within 95 days of the date of service.
2. The requester submitted a copy of a letter dated July 7, 2025 requesting the work comp information for the disputed service. 28 TAC Section 133.20(b)(2)(3) states, Except as provided in Labor Code §408.0272(b), (c), or (d), a health care provider must not submit a medical bill later than the 95th day after the date the services are provided.

(2) In accordance with subsection (c) of the statute, the health care provider must submit the

medical bill to the correct workers' compensation insurance carrier no later than the 95th day after the date the health care provider is notified of the health care provider's erroneous submission of the medical bill.

- (3) A health care provider who submits a medical bill to the correct workers' compensation insurance carrier must include a copy of the original medical bill submitted, a copy of the explanation of benefits (EOB) if available, and sufficient documentation to support why one or more of the exceptions for untimely submission of a medical bill under §408.0272 should be applied. The medical bill submitted by the health care provider to the correct workers' compensation insurance carrier is subject to the billing, review, and dispute processes established by Chapter 133, including §133.307(c)(2)(A) - (H) of this title (relating to MDR of Fee Disputes), which establishes the generally acceptable standards for documentation.

Texas Labor Code Section 408.0272(b)(1)(A)(B)(C), (2) states,

- (b) Notwithstanding Section 408.027, a health care provider who fails to timely submit a claim for payment to the insurance carrier under Section 408.027(a) does not forfeit the provider's right to reimbursement for that claim for payment solely for failure to submit a timely claim if:
  - (1) the provider submits proof satisfactory to the commissioner that the provider, within the period prescribed by Section 408.027(a), erroneously filed for reimbursement with:
    - (A) an insurer that issues a policy of group accident and health insurance under which the injured employee is a covered insured;
    - (B) a health maintenance organization that issues an evidence of coverage under which the injured employee is a covered enrollee; or
    - (C) a workers' compensation insurance carrier other than the insurance carrier liable for the payment of benefits under this title; or
  - (2) the commissioner determines that the failure resulted from a catastrophic event that substantially interfered with the normal business operations of the provider.

The information submitted by the requester did not include a copy of an erroneous submission of the medical bill to any other carrier or that any other exception described above is met.

The denial based on untimely submission of the medical bill is supported. No payment is recommended.

### Conclusion

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

DWC finds the requester has not established that reimbursement is due.

## Order

Under Texas Labor Code Sections [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	_____ January 30, 2026 Date
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## Your Right to Appeal

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision under 28 TAC Section [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). DWC must receive the request within **20 days** of when you receive this decision. You may fax, mail, or personally deliver your request to DWC using the contact information on the form or the field office handling the claim. If you have questions about DWC Form-045M, please call CompConnection at 800-252-7031, option three 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 DWC. **Please include a copy of this *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** with any other required information listed in 28 TAC Section [141.1\(d\)](#).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de esta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 800-252-7031, opción tres o correo electrónico [CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:CompConnection@tdi.texas.gov).