



Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision

General Information

Requester Name

Troy Robinson, DC

Respondent Name

Safety National Casualty Corp

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-26-1746-01

Insurance Carrier's Austin Representative

BOX 19 Flahive Ogden & Latson

DWC Date Received

February 19, 2026

Summary of Findings

Date(s) of Service	Disputed Services	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
December 12, 2025	97750-FC	\$1,170.40	\$0.00
Total		\$1,170.40	\$0.00

Requester's Position

"SPECIFIC REASONING/RESPONSE: DESIGNATED DOCTOR REQUIRED TESING FOR DISABILITY AND RETURN TO WORK."

Amount In Dispute: \$1,170.40

Respondent's Position

"However, the carrier reprocessed the provider's bill, recommending payment of \$869.19. Attached to the provider's CMS-1500 and the carrier's EORs. The reimbursement for 16 units of an FCE. The provider is entitled to \$869.19, for which a check has been issued to the provider."

Response Submitted By: Flahive Ogden & Latson

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. 28 TAC Section [134.203](#) sets out the fee guidelines for professional medical services.
3. 28TAC Section [134.225](#) sets out the fee guidelines for functional capacity evaluations.

Adjustment Reasons

The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following reasons:

1. 1014 – The attached billing has been re-evaluated at the request of the provider. Based on this re-evaluation, we find out original review to be correct. Therefore, no additional allowance appears to be warranted
2. 2005 – No additional reimbursement allowed after review of appeal/reconsideration
3. P381 – Internal use only
4. 193 – Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly
5. W3 – Bill is a reconsideration or appeal
6. 219 – Based on extent of injury
7. PI – These are adjustments indicated by the payer, for each reason as billing errors or services that are considered not 'reasonable or necessary'. The amount adjusted is generally not the patient's responsibility, unless the workers' compensation state law allows the patient to be billed
8. 163 – The charge for this procedure exceeds the unit value and/or the multiple procedure rules
9. 2008 – Additional payment made on appeal /reconsideration
10. 5742 – Internal use only
11. 948 – Re-reviewed at providers request with additional information and documentation additional payment suggested
12. 119 – Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached
13. P12 – Workers' Compensation Jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment

Issues

1. What is DWC considering in this medical fee dispute?
2. Did the insurance carrier submit proof of payment after the MFDR receipt date?
3. Is the insurance carrier's reduction based on multiple procedure rules supported?

4. Is the requester entitled to [additional] reimbursement?

Findings

1. The requester seeks reimbursement in the amount of \$1,170.40 for a functional capacity evaluation (97750-FC) referred to by a designated doctor. The date of service listed on the table of disputed services is December 12, 2025. The insurance carrier issued a payment after the medical fee dispute resolution request, in the amount of \$869.19 and reduced the remaining charges with reduction reason code 2008, 163, 5742, 119, P12 and W3 and 948 (description indicated above).
2. The insurance carrier states, "However, the carrier reprocessed the provider's bill, recommending payment of \$869.19. Attached are the provider's CMS-1500 and the carrier's EORs. The reimbursement for 16 units of an FCE totals \$869.19, for which a check has been issued to the provider." However, the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) does not include a check number, payment reference, or any documentation confirming that payment was made. No proof of payment has been submitted.

Because the carrier asserts that payment has been issued, the previously stated denial reasons are no longer maintained. The DWC finds that the insurance carrier no longer disputes the services identified on the DWC060. Accordingly, the services are reviewed for reimbursement in accordance with the applicable rules.

28 TAC Section 134.203(b)(1) states: For coding, billing, reporting, and reimbursement of professional medical services within the Texas workers' compensation system, participants must adhere to the following requirements:

- (1) Medicare payment policies, including its coding; billing; correct coding initiatives (CCI) edits; modifiers; bonus payments for health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) and physician scarcity areas (PSAs); and other payment policies in effect on the date a service is provided with any additions or exceptions in the rules.

CPT code 97750-FC represents a functional capacity evaluation (FCE).

On the disputed date of service, the requester billed CPT code 97750-FC for 16 units. The multiple procedure payment reduction (MPPR) rule applies to the disputed services.

The Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 10.7 (effective June 6, 2016), titled Multiple Procedure Payment Reductions for Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, states in pertinent part:

- Full payment is made for the unit or procedure with the highest practice expense PE payment.
- For subsequent units or procedures furnished to the same patient on the same day (for dates of service on or after April 1, 2013), full payment is made for work and malpractice components, while 50 percent of the PE component is paid for services

submitted on either professional or institutional claims.

- To determine which services are subject to MPPR, contractors must rank services based on the applicable PE relative value units (RVUs). The service with the highest PE RVU is paid 100 percent, and the appropriate MPPR reduction is applied to the remaining services. If multiple services have the same highest PE RVU, they must be further ranked by the highest total schedule amount, with the highest paid at 100 percent and MPPR applied to the remaining services.

Based on these provisions, the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) finds that the insurance carrier's MPPR-based payment reduction appropriately applies to the disputed services.

3. The requester billed \$1,170.40 for 16 units of CPT code 97750-FC rendered on December 12, 2025. The insurance carrier issued a payment in the amount of \$869.19 on February 27, 2026. The requester is seeking reimbursement in the amount of \$1,170.40

The applicable fee guideline for functional capacity evaluations (FCEs) is found in 28 TAC Section 134.225, which provides:

- A maximum of three FCEs per compensable injury may be billed and reimbursed.
- FCEs ordered by the Division do not count toward this three-test limit.
- FCEs must be billed using CPT code 97750 with modifier "FC".
- Reimbursement is determined in accordance with Section 134.203(c)(1).
- Reimbursement limits are:
 - Up to four hours for the initial test or a division-ordered test
 - Up to two hours for an interim test
 - Up to three hours for the discharge test, unless it is the initial test
- Documentation is required

28 TAC Section 134.203(c) To determine the MAR for professional services, system participants shall apply the Medicare payment policies with minimal modifications.

(1) For service categories of Evaluation & Management, General Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Radiology, Pathology, Anesthesia, and Surgery when performed in an office setting, the established conversion factor to be applied is \$52.83. For Surgery when performed in a facility setting, the established conversion factor to be applied is \$66.32.

On the disputed date of service, the requester billed 16 units of CPT code 97750-FC. As discussed in Finding No. 2, the MPPR discounting rule applies to these services.

The MPPR Rate File containing payment rates for 2025 services is available through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at

www.cms.gov/Medicare/Billing/TherapyServices/index.html.

To calculate the MAR, the following formula is applied:

$$(\text{DWC Conversion Factor} \div \text{Medicare Conversion Factor}) \times \text{Medicare Payment} = \text{MAR}$$

Relevant factors for this dispute include:

- Date of service: December 12, 2025
- Location: ZIP code 77042, Locality 18 (Houston)
- Medicare participating amount for CPT 97750 (2025):
 - \$33.71 for the first unit
 - \$24.46 for each subsequent unit
- 2025 DWC Conversion Factor: 70.18
- 2025 Medicare Conversion Factor: 32.3465

Applying the formula above, DWC calculates the MAR as follows:

- First unit: \$73.14
- Subsequent 15 units: \$796.04
- Total MAR: \$869.18

4. The respondent issued payment of \$869.19. DWC therefore finds that no additional reimbursement is due.

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 additional 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

March 18, 2026
Date

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. 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.

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.