TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION QUESTION/RESOLUTION LOG PREPARED BY CUSTOMER SERVICES

DATE REC'D	QUESTION/PROBLEM	DATE ANS'D	RESOLUTION
06-01-06 06-08	If a health care provider has a passenger van that is used to pick up patients who do not have transportation to their doctor's appointment, is there anything in the law or rules that states that the health care provider cannot charge a fee (such as \$5) to cover the cost of gas?	06-15-06	Under Section 401.011(19) of the Act, transportation to a doctor appointment is not considered health care. Therefore, a health care provider cannot bill the insurance carrier for transportation to the appointment. If the distance traveled to secure medical treatment is greater than 30 miles one-way, the injured employee may request reimbursement for travel expense from the insurance carrier in accordance with rule 134.110.