THIS DECISION HAS BEEN APPEALED. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RELATED SOAH DECISION NO.:

SOAH DOCKET NO. 453-04-2054.M5

MDR Tracking Number: M5-03-1546-01

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled <u>Medical Dispute Resolution-General</u>, and 133.307, titled <u>Medical Dispute Resolution of a</u> <u>Medical Fee Dispute</u>, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 2-21-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for 90801, 90830 and 90844.

II. RATIONALE

On 10-17-02, the requestor obtained preauthorization approval for Individual Therapy Evaluation and Testing. On 10-23-02, he also obtained preauthorization approval for 8 visits of Individual Therapy over a 12 week period. Therefore, the insurance carrier is in violation of Rule 133.301(a), by retrospectively denying preauthorized treatment based upon medical necessity. The requestor is entitled to reimbursement of \$180.00 for 90801 and \$125.00 for 90830 on 10-21-02; and \$122.00 for 90844 on 11-22-02.

Neither party submitted EOBs for dates of service 10-30-02 and 11-13-02; therefore, CPT code 90844 will be reviewed in accordance with *Medical Fee Guideline*. Report for date of service 11-13-02 was not submitted to support charges per MFG. Reimbursement of \$122.00 is recommended for date of service 10-30-02.

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code(s), 90801, 90830 and 90844, in the amount of **\$ 549.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$549.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 5th day of December 2003.

Elizabeth Pickle Medical Dispute Resolution Officer Medical Review Division