

MDR Tracking Number: M5-03-3200-01

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 Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, 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 8-7-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for supplies coded 01999, A4649, 99070, A4215, A4245, J7120, A4615, A4454, J2912, and A4209.

II. FINDINGS & RATIONALE

The respondent originally denied reimbursement for the surgical supplies and procedure code 62287 – aspiration, percutaneous, of nucleus pulposus of intervertebral disk based upon EOB denial code “V”. The insurance carrier reconsidered position and paid \$2,070.75 with check no. 4489116 for procedure code 62287 and surgical supply code J2000. The carrier also paid for L0565, A4550, J0690, 76003 and J3010 which were not disputed. The carrier denied reimbursement for the remaining surgical supplies based upon “G”.

On October 28, 2003, the Medical Review Division submitted a Notice to requestor to submit additional documentation necessary to support the charges and to challenge the reasons the respondent had denied reimbursement within 14 days of the requestor’s receipt of the Notice.

The requestor failed to submit medical records to support fee dispute and challenge insurance carrier’s position per Rule 133.307(g)(3)(B). Therefore, reimbursement is not recommended.

III. DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is not** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code(s) 01999, A4649, 99070, A4215, A4245, J7120, A4615, A4454, J2912, and A4209.

The above Findings and Decision are hereby issued this 11th day of August 2004.

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