

MDR Tracking Number: M4-05-0434-01

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 9-13-04

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be additional reimbursement for CPT code 99456 WP (1 unit), rendered on 6/10/04.

II. RATIONALE

Review of the requestors' position statement states in part, "that the services rendered were billed in accordance to TWCC guidelines for MMI evaluation and IR for 1 body area (left ankle)."

Although the respondent did not provide a position statement, according to the EOB, the rationale for the reduced payment is "reimbursement has been calculated according to state fee guidelines".

The requestor provided a copy of the MMI/IR report reflecting the MMI evaluation (other than treating doctor), and evaluation/range of motion measurements for the left ankle (1 body area). The requestor billed \$650 for these services. The respondent paid \$350 for the disputed services. The requestor billed correctly and therefore reimbursement is recommended in accordance with §134.202 (e)(6)(C)(iii) and §134.202 (e)(6)(D)(iii)(II) and (III).

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 additional reimbursement for CPT code **99456** in the amount of **\$300**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby **ORDERS** the Respondent to remit **\$300** 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 28th day of January 2005.

Medical Dispute Resolution Officer
Medical Review Division