



After reviewing the information provided by the provider, it does **not** appear that this particular admission involved “unusually extensive services.” The provider submitted an operative report indicating that the patient had left lower extremity infection, with a rotational flap by plastic surgery and application of external fixator to the left lower extremity was performed, and no complications were noted. Accordingly, the stop-loss method does not apply and the reimbursement is to be based on the per diem plus carve-out methodology described in the same rule.

The provider did not submit any invoices indicating the amount billed for the implantables. Therefore, MDR cannot determine the charges of the implantables and no reimbursement is recommended for the implantables.

The carrier made reimbursement for the 5-day stay in the amount of \$8,041.22 per diem and cost for the MRI scans. The per diem rate for the inpatient stay is \$5,590.00 ( 5 x \$1,118.00) plus \$2,451.22 for the MRI scans.

Therefore, based on the facts of this situation, the parties’ positions, and the application of the provisions of Rule 134.401(c), we find that the health care provider is not entitled to additional reimbursement.

**PART VI: GENERAL PAYMENT POLICIES/REFERENCES IMPACTING DECISION**

28 Texas Administrative Code Sec. 134.401 (c)(6).

**PART VII: DIVISION DECISION AND ORDER**

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code, Sec. 413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is not entitled to additional reimbursement.

Ordered by:

Michael Bucklin

09/20/05

Authorized Signature

Typed Name

Date of Order

**PART VIII: YOUR RIGHT TO REQUEST JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Appeals of medical dispute resolution decisions and orders are procedurally made directly to a district court in Travis County [see Texas Labor Code, Sec. 413.031(k), as amended and effective Sept. 1, 2005]. An appeal to District Court must be filed not later than 30 days after the date on which the decision that is the subject of the appeal is final and appealable. The Division is not considered a party to the appeal.

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