



## MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ORDER

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor's Name and Address Victoria Anesthesia 1501 E. Mockingbird, Ste. 220 Victoria, TX 77904	MDR Tracking No.: M4-07-0653-01
	Claim No.:
	Injured Employee's Name:
Respondent's Name and Address      BOX #: 19 Zurich American Insurance Co.	Date of Injury:
	Employer's Name: Arrow Drilling Co. Inc.
	Insurance Carrier's No.: 2230118618001

### PART II: MEDICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION REVIEW SUMMARY, METHODOLOGY, AND/OR EXPLANATION

Texas Labor Code 402.00128(b)(7) titled General Powers and Duties of Commissioner authorizes the Commissioner to enter appropriate orders. The Division will resolve medical fee disputes according to Rules 133.305 and 133.307 and other rules.

1. This dispute relates to procedure/service that was billed under CPT code 01480-AA rendered on 10-20-05 that was denied reimbursement by the insurance carrier based upon "29 – The time limit for filing has expired; and 200 – Per 134.801, a medical bill shall [sic] not be submitted later than the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 11th month (<08/31/05) or 95 days (>09/01/05) after DOS."

2. Rule 102.4(h), titled General Rules for Non-Commission Communication, states "Unless the great weight of evidence indicates otherwise, written communications shall be deemed to have been sent on:

- (1) the date received, if sent by fax, personal delivery or electronic transmission or,
- (2) the date postmarked if sent by mail via United States Postal Service regular mail, or, if the postmark date is unavailable, the later of the signature date on the written communication or the date it was received minus five days. If the date received minus five days is a Sunday or legal holiday, the date deemed sent shall be the next previous day which is not a Sunday or legal holiday."

3. Section 408.027(a) of the Labor Code states, "A health care provider shall submit a claim for payment to the insurance carrier not later than the 95th day after the date on which the health care services are provided to the injured employee. Failure by the health care provider to timely submit a claim for payment constitutes a forfeiture of the provider's right to reimbursement for that claim for payment."

4. The Requestor provided written documentation to the Division supporting that Form CMS-1500 was submitted timely to the carrier. Specifically, the Requestor submitted a computer log that supports CMS-1500 being submitted timely. Also, the Respondent's representative, Betty Jett told Requestor that she could override the past filing deadline due to numerous problems and rejections with claim and bill. The medical bill is timely submitted.

This dispute is being forwarded to the Legal and Compliance Division for further investigation.

**PART III: GENERAL PAYMENT POLICIES/REFERENCES**

Texas Labor Code 402.00128(b)(7)  
Texas Labor Code 408.027(a)  
28 Texas Administrative Code Sec. §102.4(h)  
28 Texas Administrative Code Sec. §133.305  
28 Texas Administrative Code Sec. §133.307

**PART IV: DIVISION ORDER**

The Division hereby orders the Respondent to process the bill and issue a new EOB for all services included in the original bill(s) within 21 days of receiving this Order.

Ordered by:

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Authorized Signature

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Medical Dispute Resolution Officer

April 20, 2007

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Date

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

If Requestor is dissatisfied with the Respondent's final action on a medical bill, the Requestor may request medical dispute resolution in accordance with Rule 133.305 as long as the request is filed within the appropriate timeframe.

**Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.**