



MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ORDER

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name and Address: Memorial MRI & Diagnostic 1346 Campbell Road Houston, TX 77055	MFDR Tracking #:	M4-07-0905
	Claim #:	
	Injured Employee:	
Respondent Name: Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Rep. Box #19	Date of Injury:	
	Employer Name:	CITY OF PORT ARTHUR
	Insurance Carrier #:	T160300089644

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, 133.307, 134.801 (c)(2) and other rules.

1. This dispute relates to procedures/services billed with CPT codes 72158, 76377, Q9952 and 36000 rendered on 04/21/06 that were denied reimbursement by the insurance carrier based upon "29 – Time limit for filing claim/bill has expired."
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 Patient Ledger indicating the bill was initially submitted on 05/04/06 and a CMS-1500 dated 05/04/06 in Block #31. The DWC-67 instructions for completing the CMS-1500 directs the healthcare provider to notate in block 31 the date the claim is submitted to the carrier. The medical bill was timely submitted.
5. A referral has been made to Legal and Compliance.

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
- 28 Texas Administrative Code Sec. §134.801 effective 9/1/05

PART IV: DIVISION ORDER

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

Ordered by:

04/25/07

Authorized Signature

Medical Dispute Resolution Officer

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.