



MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION DECISION

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor's Name and Address: Dora Roberts Rehab Center 306 West 3 rd Big Spring, TX 79720	MFDR Tracking No.: M4-07-3509-01
	DWC Claim No.:
	Injured Employee's Name:
Respondent's Name: Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. Rep. Box # 28	Date of Injury:
	Employer's Name: West Texas Gas Inc.
	Insurance Carrier's No.: 949849729

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

Texas Labor Code 413.011(a-d) titled *Reimbursement Policies and Guidelines* and Division Rule 134.202 titled *Medical Fee Guideline*, effective August 1, 2003, sets out reimbursement guidelines. 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 that were billed under CPT codes 97022, 97110, 97124 and 97150 rendered from 5-3-06 thru 5-31-06 that were denied reimbursement by the insurance carrier based upon "29, 286 – F286 – Date(s) of service exceed (95) day time period for submission per Rule 408.027 and Bulletin No. B-0037-05A."
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 Respondent submitted initial CMS-1500 dated 9-26-06 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 Respondent date stamped receipt of the CMS-1500 on 10-5-06.
5. The Requestor did not submit convincing evidence to support position that CMS-1500s were submitted timely to the Respondent per Section 408.027(a).

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

PART IV: DIVISION DECISION

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code, Sec. 413.031 and 408.027(a), the Division has determined that the request was not timely filed and the requestor has forfeited the right to reimbursement.

Decision by:

Elizabeth Pickle, RHIA

May 1, 2007

Authorized Signature

Medical Dispute Resolution Officer

Date

PART V: 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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