



MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor's Name and Address: Medical Equation PA 4201 Bee Cave Rd. #102 Austin, TX 78746	MFDR Tracking #: M4-07-5214-01
	DWC Claim #:
	Injured Employee:
Respondent Name and Box #: Zurich American Insurance Co. Box #19	Date of Injury:
	Employer Name: Atlantic Scaffolding Co.
	Insurance Carrier #: 2720075035

PART II: REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY AND PRINCIPLE DOCUMENTATION

Requestor's Position Summary:
"Claim not yet paid, balance due \$300.00."

Principle Documentation:

1. DWC 60 package
2. CMS 1500(s)
3. EOB(s)

PART III: RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY AND PRINCIPLE DOCUMENTATION

Respondent's Position Summary:

"The carrier maintains that it has paid all reasonable, necessary and related charges in accordance with the applicable fee guidelines."

Principle Documentation:

1. Response to DWC 60

PART IV: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Date(s) of Service	Denial Code(s)	CPT Code(s) and Calculations	Part V Reference	Amount Due
4-27-06	18, 224	99456-WP	1-7	\$300.00
Total Due:				

PART V: REVIEW OF SUMMARY, METHODOLOGY AND EXPLANATION

Section §413.011(a-d) titled, *Reimbursement Policies and Guidelines*, and Division Rule 134.202 titled, *Medical Fee Guideline* effective August 1, 2003, sets out the reimbursement guidelines.

1. These services were denied by the Respondent with reason code "18-Duplicate claim/service; and 224 – Duplicate charge."
2. The Respondent denied reimbursement based upon duplicate claim/service. The disputed service was a duplicate bill submitted for reconsideration of payment.
3. According to Rule 134.202(e)(6)(C)(iii), "An examining doctor, other than the treating doctor, shall bill using the 'Work related or medical disability examination by other than the treating physician....' CPT code. Reimbursement shall be \$350."

4. According to Rule 134.202(e)(6)(D)(iii)(II), "The MAR for musculoskeletal body areas shall be as follows.
 - a) \$150 for each body area if the Diagnosis Related Estimates (DRE) method found in the AMA Guides 4th Edition is used.
 - b) If full physical evaluation, with range of motion is performed:
 - 1) \$300 for the first musculoskeletal body area; and
 - 2) \$150 for each additional musculoskeletal body area.
5. According to Rule 134.202(e)(6)(D)(iii)(III), "If the examining doctor performs the MMI examination and the IR testing of the musculoskeletal body area(s), the examining doctor shall bill using the appropriate MMI CPT code with the modifier "WP." Reimbursement shall be 100% of the total MAR."
6. Advisory 2004-01, issued on March 25, 2004, stated in part that, "Both of the above fees are reimbursed in addition to the \$350 paid for the MMI evaluation."
7. On this date, the Requestor billed \$650.00 for 99456-WP. Per Advisory 2004-01, the Requestor performed MMI and IR evaluation and utilized CPT code 99456-WP. Per Rule 134.202(e)(6)(C)(iii), the Requestor is entitled to reimbursement of \$350.00 for MMI evaluation. In addition, Rule 134.202(e)(6)(D)(iii)(II)(a) allows reimbursement of \$300.00 for IR-ROM method for initial body area. Therefore, the Requestor is entitled to reimbursement of \$650.00. The insurance carrier paid \$350.00. The Requestor is entitled to the difference between amount paid and due, which equals \$300.00.

PART VI: GENERAL PAYMENT POLICIES/REFERENCES

Texas Labor Code Sec. §413.011(a-d)
 28 Texas Administrative Code Sec. §134.1, §134.202
 Advisory 2004-01

PART VII: DIVISION DECISION AND/OR 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 entitled to additional reimbursement. The Division hereby **ORDERS** the Carrier to remit to the Requestor the amount of \$300.00 plus accrued interest, due within 30 days of receipt of this Order.

ORDER :

Elizabeth Pickle, RHIA

June 15, 2007

Authorized Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

Date

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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