

ADVISORY NO. 239

**TOPIC: TWCC ISSUES NEW HOSPITAL
FEE DISPUTE FILING DEADLINES**

Attached is supplemental correspondence dated 06/22/98 from the acting Executive Director amending directions and extending deadlines set out in TWCC Advisory 98-01, which concerns medical dispute resolution requests involving the hospital bills covered by the invalidated 1992 Acute Care Inpatient Hospital Fee Guideline. As you will recall, TWCC Advisory 98-01 addressed the parties' submission of evidence to support their positions.

TWCC has revised the deadlines for the submission of evidence on disputes where requests for medical dispute resolution have already been filed by the hospital. At the present time the deadlines are:

- * **August 15, 1998: Deadline for filing dispute resolution requests related to reimbursement for hospital services with the disputed dates of service September 01, 1992 through February 13, 1997.**
- * **August 15, 1998: Deadline for filing all evidence a party wishes to have considered for previously filed disputes. The responding party will have thirty days after August 15, 1998 to respond to evidence submitted, meaning that the final date for responses will now be September 14, 1998.**

In announcing the revised deadlines mandated by TWCC Advisory 98-01 the commission has changed the required format for response filings. The Commission will now allow one master document to be filed by either party only if the following conditions are met:

The document must be page numbered prior to submission to the Medical Review Division. A letter must be attached which identifies the disputes to be associated with the document by TWCC claim number, the MDR tracking number and the name of the claimant. Parties filing one master document must agree to and be responsible for providing additional copies of the document to the commission if one or more of the dispute cases are appealed to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH.)

Apart from these changes, the directives set forth in TWCC Advisory 98-01 and FO&L Advisory 233 remain in effect.

FO&L will keep you advised of further developments in this area, both through advisories and FOLIO articles, and our medical review staff will be contacting you if we see a possible need to submit additional information to MRD on any of these disputes.

If you have any questions about these hospital fee dispute cases please call:

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