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**Medical benefits - Jurisdiction**

Cook v. Palm Beach County School Board, 36 Fla. L. Weekly D107  
(Fla. 1st DCA January 21, 2011).

Claimant filed a PFB seeking payment of five medical bills. The E/C responded that they had not denied treatment, but the doctor never submitted the bills for payment. When the bills were received, E/C sent them for processing and payment. The E/C moved for summary final order on the basis that the request for payment of medical bills is a reimbursement dispute over which the JCC lacks jurisdiction. The JCC agreed, granting summary final order. On appeal, the First DCA affirmed noting that under Fla. Stat. § 440.14(1)(r), "any disagreement between a health care provider or health care facility and carrier concerning payment for medical treatment" is a reimbursement dispute over which the Department of Financial Services has exclusive jurisdiction.