Dear [Provider Name]

MAXIMUS Federal Services has completed the Independent Bill Review (“IBR”) of the above workers’ compensation case. This letter provides you with the IBR Final Determination and explains how the determination was made.

**Final Determination: OVERTURN.** MAXIMUS Federal Services has determined that additional reimbursement is warranted. The Claims Administrator’s determination is reversed and the Claim Administrator owes the Provider additional reimbursement of $250.00 for the review cost and $1,777.81 in additional reimbursement for a total of $2,027.81. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of $2,027.81 within 45 days of the date on this letter per section 4603.2 (2a) of the California Labor Code. The determination of MAXIMUS Federal Services and its expert reviewer is deemed to be the Final Determination of the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation. This determination is binding on all parties. In certain limited circumstances, you can appeal the Final Determination. Appeals must be filed with the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board within 20 days from the date of this letter. For more information on appealing the final determination, please see California Labor Code Section 4603.6(f).

Sincerely,

[Medical Director]

cc: [CC Name]
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

Pertinent documents reviewed to reach the determination:

- The Independent Bill Review Application
- The original billing itemization
- Supporting documents submitted with the original billing
- Explanation of Review in response to the original bill
- Request for Second Bill Review and documentation
- Supporting documents submitted with the request for second review
- The final explanation of the second review
- Official Medical Fee Schedule

HOW THE IBR FINAL DETERMINATION WAS MADE

MAXIMUS Federal Services Chief Coding Specialist reviewed the case file and researched pertinent coding and billing standards to reach a determination. In some cases a physician reviewer was employed to review the clinical aspects of the care to help make a determination. He/she has no affiliation with the employer, employee, providers or the claims administrator. The expert reviewer was selected based on his/her clinical experience, education, background, and expertise in the same or similar specialties that evaluate and/or treat the medical condition and disputed items/services.

ANALYSIS AND FINDING

Based on review of the case file the following is noted:

- 22556 -62-22 - Thorax Spine Fusion, reimbursed by Claims Administrator with the following rational: “Pricing Reductions due to MPN.”
- 22830 -62-59-51-22 – Exploration Spinal Fusion, reimbursed by Claims Administrator with the following rational: “Charge exceeds mult surgery rates.”
- 22614 -62 – Spine Fusion Extra Segmane, reimbursed by Claims Administrator with the following rational: “Pricing Reductions due to MPN.”
- Modifier -22 Increased Procedural Services.
- Operative Report reviewed by IBR Physician, Modifier -22 is warranted for 22830 and 22556.
- 22614 is an “add-on” code. As such, 22614 is not subject to reduction as the nature of the code itself has the reduction built into its relative value.
- OMFS 22614 x 3 units = $1.186.14
- 2014 OMFS Reimbursement Cascade places the highest procedure value at the 1st position.
- CMS 1500 reflects 22556 is the Primary Procedure.
- OMFS 22556 = $2725.89 * Modifier 22 = 3407.3625 * Modifier 62 = $2,129.60
• 2014 OMFS Multiple Reduction Rule applies to “5” procedures, 6 or greater are considered “By Report.”
• CMS 1500 reflects 22830 is the 4th procedure subject to a multiple procedure reduction.
• OMFS 22830 $1,339.76 *Modifier 62 = *837.35 * MMR = $418.68 *Modifier 22 = $523.34

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.


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