INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

January 5, 2015

Dear [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 $125.14 in additional reimbursement for a total of $350.14. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of $350.14 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,

cc: [Name]

[Table]

IBR Case Number: CB14-0001420  Date of Injury: 07/21/2006
Claim Number: [Redacted]  Application Received: 09/26/2014
Claims Administrator: [Redacted]  Assignment Date: 11/04/2014
Provider Name: [Redacted]  Disputed Codes: 99214
Employee Name: [Redacted]
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
- State of California Physician and Surgeon License Verification Web Site.

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:

- **ISSUE IN DISPUTE:** Provider seeking full remuneration for 99214 Evaluation and Management services performed on Injured Worker 05/08/2014.
- Claims Administrator denied service with the following explanation: “Per section 9789.12 of 1 the 2014 CA Fee Schedule, Billing E/M Codes is Limited to Physicians Physician Assistants or Nurse Practitioners; Therefore, this service is not reimbursed.”
- The Provider is a Pain Management Specialist. State of California Government Web-site verifies that License is current until “06/30/2015” reflecting “Physician and Surgeon” in the State of California.
- Documentation for 05/08/2014 reveals a Detailed History, Detailed Exam of Moderate Complexity Factor performed by the Provider.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.
DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: 99214

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