Dear

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 $557.40 in additional reimbursement for a total of $807.40. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of $807.40 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,

Paul Manchester, MD, MPH
Medical Director

cc:
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
- Negotiated contracted rates: PPO Discount 5%
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

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 is dissatisfied with reimbursement of code 26145 and 26145-51 stating claims administrator reimbursement reduced charges below OMFS APC rates, then applied excessive discount.
- Claims administrator reimbursed $936.59 indicating on the Explanation of Review “PPO reductions based on agreement with Coventry.”
- Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g) (2), the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation orders that Title 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 9789.30 through 9789.39, pertaining to Hospital Outpatient Departments and Ambulatory Surgical Centers Fee Schedule in the Official Medical Fee Schedule, are adjusted to conform to the hospital outpatient prospective payment system (HOPPS) final rule of November 15, 2012. Section 9789.33 is adjusted to conform to the hospital outpatient prospective payment system (HOPPS) final rule of November 15, 2012. For services rendered on or after April 1, 2013, see Section 9789.39 for the APC relative weight and outlier threshold by date of service.
- Based on information reviewed, additional reimbursement is warranted for code 26145 and 26145-51.
- PPO contract received shows a 5% discount is to be applied to reimbursement.
The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE:** Additional reimbursement of code 26145 is recommended.

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