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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

November 5, 2014

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IBR Case Number:	CB13-0000585	**Date of Injury:**	08/14/2012
Claim Number:	[redacted]	**Application Received:**	10/14/2013
Claims Administrator:	[redacted]		
Provider Name:	[redacted]		
Employee Name:	[redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	ML102		

Dear [redacted]

MAXIMUS Federal Services has completed the Independent Bill Review ("IBR") of the above workers' compensation case assigned to IBR on 05/02/2014. This letter provides you with the IBR Final Determination and explains how the determination was made.

IBR Assigned: 05/02/2014

Final Determination: UPHOLD. MAXIMUS Federal Services has determined that no additional reimbursement is warranted. The Claims Administrator's determination is upheld and the Claim Administrator does not owe the Provider additional reimbursement. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

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,

[redacted]
Chief Coding Reviewer

cc: [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

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**: ML102 services denied by the Claims Administrator for the following reason: “The charge was denied as the report/documentation does not indicate that the service was performed.”
- Included in the documentation is a “Utilization Review Appeal" letter dated 06/12/2014 addressing “lack of known co-morbidities of the patient to warrant a medical clearance.”
- ML102 Med Legal OMFS Description: Basic Comprehensive Medical-Legal **Evaluation**. Includes all comprehensive medical-legal evaluations other than those included under ML 103 or ML 104.
- Documentation provided is a review of Injured Worker’s treatment and medical condition.
- Documentation provided does not indicate that a medical evaluation was performed by the Provider on the Injured Worker for the ML 102 service.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Based on the aforementioned guidelines and documentation, reimbursement of code ML102 is not warranted.

Date of Service: 06/12/2013							
Service Code	**Provider Billed**	**Plan Allowed**	**Dispute Amount**	**Assist Surgeon**	**Units**	**Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.**	**Notes**
ML102	$ 625.00	$ 0.00	$ 625.00	N/A	1	$	**DISPUTED SERVICE**:

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