

INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

November 17, 2014

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IBR Case Number:	CB13-0000609	Date of Injury:	05/27/2009
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	10/16/2013
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	99358, & 99080		

Dear [REDACTED]

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.

IBR Assigned: 10/07/2014

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 \$335.00 for the review cost and \$144.43 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$479.43. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$479.43 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,

[REDACTED]
Chief Coding Reviewer

cc: [REDACTED]
[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 – see page 13A
- Negotiated contracted rates: none

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:** Denial of reimbursement for Provider review of laboratory reports using code 99358 and 99080.
- Per OMFS page 13A, an interpretation of the results of a diagnostic test with preparation of a separate distinctive report may be reported separately. In this case there was no Evaluation and Management service billed. The Provider reviewed laboratory results and wrote a report of findings. Therefore codes 99358 and 99080 should be reimbursed.
- Unable to determine length of time for code 99358 therefore only 1 unit allowed.
- OMFS amount for 99358 = \$36.34 per unit
- OMFS amount for 99080 = \$37.98 for 1st page and \$23.37 for other pages.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of codes 99358 and 99080 to be made. Reimbursement of \$144.43 owed to the Provider.

Date of Service: 6/17/2013							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Assist Surgeon	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes

99358	\$ 110.50	\$ 0	\$ 110.50	N/A	N/A	\$ 36.34	DISPUTED SERVICE: Allow \$36.34
99080	\$ 170.00	\$ 0	\$ 170.00	N/A	N/A	\$108.09	DISPUTED SERVICE: Allow \$108.09.

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