

INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

November 25, 2014

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***Consolidated Review for Multiple Injured Workers.**

IW1 = Injured Worker #1 IW2 = Injured Worker #2 IW3 = Injured Worker #3
 IW4 = Injured Worker #4 IW5 = Injured Worker #5 IW6 = Injured Worker #6
 IW7 = Injured Worker #7 IW8 = Injured Worker #8 IW9 = Injured Worker #9
 IW10 = Injured Worker #10 IW11 = Injured Worker #11 IW12 = Injured Worker #12
 IW13 = Injured Worker #13 IW14 = Injured Worker #14 IW15 = Injured Worker #15
 IW16 = Injured Worker #16 IW17 = Injured Worker #17 IW18 = Injured Worker #18

IBR Case Number:	CB13-0000646	Date of Injury:	Multiple
Claim Numbers:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	10/25/2013
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]	Assignment Date:	05/16/2014
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Names:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	A4556		

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.

MAXIMUS FEDERAL SERVICES, INC.

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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 \$53.68 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$388.68. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$388.68 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 Signature]

Medical Director

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

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 disputing partial to zero reimbursement for A4556, Multiple Workers, and Multiple Dates of Service.**
- Claims Administrator reimbursement rational for all cases: “The value of this procedure is included in the value of another procedure performed on this date.”
- IW1 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS 5/07/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW2 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS 05/31/13. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW3 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS 06/06/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW4 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS 05/21/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW5 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS 05/01/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.

- IW6 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS on 04/25/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW7 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS on 05/20/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW8 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS on 05/13/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW9 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS on 05/23/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW10 - Documentation supports “x4” dispensed. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**, 2 units warranted.
- IW11 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS on 05/16/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW12 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS 04/09/13. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW13 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS on 04/26/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW14 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS on 05/30/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW15 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS on 05/01/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- IW16 - Documentation supports “x1” dispensed. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**, 1 units warranted.
- IW17- Documentation supports “x1” dispensed. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**, 1 units warranted.
- IW18 - Documentation states electrode (singular) dispensed; does not state the number of electrodes dispensed on DOS on 05/16/2013. A4556 Code Description; Electrodes, (e.g., apnea monitor), **per pair**.
- Contractual Agreement requested 05/14/2014, not yet received during IBR, OMFS will be utilized to calculate reimbursement.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.
DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursement is warranted for 99358.

Date of Service: Multiple							
Physician Services							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Assist Surgeon	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
A4556(IW1)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW2)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW3)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW4)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW5)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW6)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW7)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW8)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW9)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW10)	\$26.84	\$0.00	\$26.84	N/A	2	\$26.84	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW11)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW12)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW13)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW14)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW15)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW16)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$13.42	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW17)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$13.42	Refer to Analysis
A4556(IW18)	\$13.42	\$0.00	\$13.42	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis

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