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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

November 3, 2014

[Redacted]

IBR Case Number:	CB13-0000651	Date of Injury:	06/28/2012
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	10/28/2013
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	76499-26-59, 62282, 62282-59, 76003-26-59		

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 Case Assigned: 05/15/2014

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 \$34.20 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$369.20. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$369.20 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]

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: 10% PPO Discount
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Other: OMFS Physician Services

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 the reimbursement of \$0.00 for CPT 62282, 62282-59, 76499-26-59 and 76003-26-59.
- **Claims Administrator issued additional payment after the IBR case was received by MAXIMUS.** Additional reimbursement of \$330.48 was issued to the Provider on 11/25/2013
- Based on review of the operative report, procedures performed were transforaminal epidural L3-L4 Right; transforaminal epidural L4-L5 Right; and Fluoroscopy/epidurogram.
- UR Decision dated 3/20/2013 certified TFESI L3-4; and TFESI L4-5
- 76499-26-59 (Epidurogram): A separate report radiologic report for the epidurogram was not submitted as part of the documentation. Therefore, reimbursement for this code is not recommended.
- CPT 76003-26-59: Separate reimbursement recommended, surgical procedure code is a starred procedure (62282); fluoroscopy not bundled into primary procedure code (62282) and not subject to NCCI edits based on date of service (04/22/2013).
- CPT 62282, 62282-59: Reimbursement recommended for both procedures and subject to multiple procedure reduction guidelines.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code CPT 62282, 62282-59, 76499-26-59 and 76003-26-59.

Date of Service: 4/22/2013							
Physician Services							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Assist Surgeon	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
CPT 62282	\$ 500.00	\$ 220.32	\$ 220.32	N/A	100%	\$ 220.32	DISPUTED SERVICE: No additional reimbursement due.
CPT 66282 59	\$ 500.00	\$ 110.16	\$ 110.16	N/A	Percent reduction 50%	\$110.16	DISPUTED SERVICE: No additional reimbursement due
CPT 76499 26 59	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 98.02	N/A	N/A	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: No additional reimbursement due
CPT 76003 26 59	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$34.20	N/A	N/A	\$34.20	DISPUTED SERVICE: Additional reimbursement due in the amount of \$34.20

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