

Supporting Analysis:

The dispute regards the denial of reimbursement for a report (99080) and prolonged services (99358). The Claims Administrator denied the billed CPT 99080 with the explanation "Reimbursement for this report is included with other services provided on the same day; therefore a separate payment is not warranted." The Claims Administrator denied the billed CPT code 99358 with the explanation "Per OMFS 99358, prolonged mgmt service is for reviewing extensive outside records, tests, or in communication with other professionals. Per report OMFS guidelines were not met. Preparation of report/review of your own records does not warrant this charge."

CPT 99080 - Special reports such as insurance forms, more than the information conveyed in the usual medical communications or standard reporting form.

CPT 99358 - Prolonged evaluation and management service before and/or after direct (face-to-face) patient care (e.g., review of extensive records, job analysis, evaluation of ergonomic status, work limitations, work capacity or communication with other professionals and/or the patient/family); each 15 minutes.

The Provider submitted an "Initial Comprehensive Dermatologic Evaluation Report and Review of Records" report. The report submitted by the Provider is considered the initial treatment report and plan. Per the OMFS General Information and Instructions, the initial treatment report and plan is not a separately reimbursable report. The initial treatment report fee is included within the underlying Evaluation and Management service. The Provider was reimbursed for an Evaluation and Management service for date of service 7/23/2013. The denial of CPT 99080 by the Claims Administrator was correct.

The second disputed code is the prolonged evaluation and management services (99358). Based on a review of the OMFS General Information and Instructions, Prolonged Evaluation and Management Service (99358) is used when a physician provides prolonged service not involving direct (face-to-face) care that is beyond the usual service in either the inpatient or outpatient setting. The prolonged service code (99358) may also be used when the physician is required to spend 15 or more minutes reviewing records or tests, a job analysis, and evaluation of ergonomic status, work limitations, or work capacity when there is no direct (face-to-face) contact.

The report documented 90 minutes of time spent on "reviewing records, compiling data, reviewing, dictating and editing the report." The report documented a review of the work restrictions and permanent impairment due to skin disorder. The report documented a review of the treating dermatologist records and related documentation for workers' compensation claim. Based on the documentation, reimbursement is warranted for the prolonged service code 99358 (6 units).

The additional reimbursement of \$185.33 is warranted per the Official Medical Fee Schedule codes 99080 and 99358.

The chart below provides a comparison of billed charges and reimbursement rates for the codes and date of services at issue.

Validated Code	Validated Modifier	Validated Units	Dispute Amount	Total Fee Schedule Allowance	Provider Paid Amount	Allowed Recommended Reimbursement	Fee Schedule Utilized
99080		6	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	PPO Contract

99358		6	\$300.00	\$185.33	\$0.00	\$185.33	PPO Contract
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MAXIMUS Federal Services, as the Independent Bill Review Organization, has determined the Claims Administrator owes the Provider additional reimbursement. The Claims Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider for the IBR application fee (**\$335.00**) and the OMFS amount for CPT code 99358 (\$185.33) for a total of \$520.33.

The Claims Administrator is required to reimburse the provider \$520.33 within 45 days of date on this notice per section 4603.2 (2a). This decision constitutes the final determination of the Division of Workers' Compensation Administrative Director, is binding on all parties, and is not subject to further appeal except as specified in Labor Code section 4603.6(f).

Sincerely,

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