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Independent Bill Review
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Independent Bill Review Final Determination Reversed

4/16/2014

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Re: Claim Number: [REDACTED]
Claims Administrator name: [REDACTED]
Date of Disputed Services: 2/19/2013 – 2/19/2013
MAXIMUS IBR Case: CB13-000862

Dear [REDACTED]

Determination:

A Request for Independent Bill Review (IBR) was assigned to MAXIMUS Federal Services on 2/27/2014, by the Administrative Director of the California Division of Workers' Compensation pursuant to California Labor Code section 4603.6. MAXIMUS Federal Services has determined that the **Claims Administrator's determination is reversed. The Claims Administrator is required to reimburse you the IBR fee of \$335.00 and the amount found owing of \$79.07, for a total of \$414.07.**

Pertinent Records and Other Appropriate Information Relevant to the Determination Reviewed:

The following evidence was used to support the decision:

- 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 or negotiated contract: PPO Contract
- Other: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services National Correct Coding Initiative Guidelines 1/1/13

Supporting Analysis:

The dispute regards the denial of laboratory services for date of service 2/19/2013. The Provider billed CPT codes 82145(2), 82205, 80154, 82520, 83840, 83992, and 83925(2), was reimbursed \$28.88, and is requesting an additional reimbursement of \$207.71. The Claims Administrator paid \$28.88 on CPT 83925 (1 unit) and denied the remaining billed procedure codes indicating "Quantitative testing of a negative qualitative result does not provide further information to substantiate the billed charges."

The Provider is disputing the denial of 82145, 82205, 82520, 83840, 83992, 83925 and 82145. The Provider indicated the reason for dispute "this bill is for quantitative test not a retest of a qualitative test. This is the only test done by the clinic." The provider submitted a HCFA-1500 form for the billed laboratory services for date of service 2/19/2013 and test results for date of service 2/19/2013. Per a review of all submitted documents, there was no indication or reference of a prior test or test results.

The toxicology results submitted report a quantitative measure of each drug screened. Due to the complexity of the toxicology test performed, the levels tracked and results obtained the billed procedure codes 82145, 82205, 80154, 82520, 83840, 83992, 83925 and 83925 shall be paid in accordance with HCPCS code G0431. The HCPCS code G0431 is reported with only one unit of service regardless of the number of drugs screened. The testing described by G0431 includes all CLIA high complexity urine drug screen testing as well as any less complex urine drug screen testing performed at the same patient encounter. The description of HCPCS code G0431 is "Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes by high complexity test method (e.g. immunoassay, enzyme assay), per patient encounter."

The drug screen services provided were of high complexity test method. The HCPCS code G0431 criteria has been met based on the documentation submitted by the Provider. Therefore, reimbursement is warranted for HCPCS G0431.

The additional reimbursement of \$79.07 is warranted per the Official Medical Fee Schedule code G0431.

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

Validated Code	Validated Units	Dispute Amount	Total Fee Schedule Allowance	Provider Paid Amount	Allowed Recommended Reimbursement	Fee Schedule Utilized
G0431	1	\$207.71	\$107.95	\$28.88	\$79.07	PPO Contract

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 HCPCS code G0431 (\$79.07) for a total of \$414.07.

The Claims Administrator is required to reimburse the provider \$414.07 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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