

**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

December 17, 2014

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<b>IBR Case Number:</b>	CB14-0001078	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	11/03/2008
<b>Claim Number:</b>	[Redacted]	<b>Application Received:</b>	08/04/2014
<b>Claims Administrator:</b>	[Redacted]	<b>Assignment Date:</b>	10/03/2014
<b>Provider Name:</b>	[Redacted]		
<b>Employee Name:</b>	[Redacted]		
<b>Disputed Codes:</b>	96101		

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.

**Final Determination: UPHOLD. MAXIMUS Federal Services has determined that no additional reimbursement is warranted. The Claims Administrator’s determination is upheld and the Claim Administrator does not owe the Provider additional reimbursement. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

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]  
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cc: [Redacted]  
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## 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:
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Other: 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 denial of CPT 96101. Provider billed CPT 99205 and 96101 together on a CMS 1500 form.
- Claims Administrator denied code indicating on the Explanation of Review “Per CCI Edits, the value of this procedure is included in the value of the comprehensive procedure.”
- Based on the NCCI edits, the following code pairs generally cannot be reported together: 99205 and 96101. However, Modifier Indicator column shows ‘1’ which states if a proper modifier is appended to the correct code and documentation supports the use of the procedure code then the edit may be overridden.
- Based on information reviewed, Claims Administrator was correct to deny code 96101.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 96101 is not warranted.**

<b>Date of Service:</b> 5/2/2014							
<b>Physician Services</b>							
<b>Service Code</b>	<b>Provider Billed</b>	<b>Plan Allowed</b>	<b>Dispute Amount</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Multiple Surgery</b>	<b>Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
96101	\$2800.00	\$223.41	\$271.00	3	N/A	\$0.00	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> No reimbursement recommended

National Correct Coding Initiative information:

<b>File</b>	<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Modifier</b>
Physician Version Number: 20.1 04/01/2014-06/30/2014	99205	96101	Allow Modifier

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