

INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

December 29, 2014

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IBR Case Number:	CB14-0001179	Date of Injury:	05/04/2011
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	08/20/2014
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]	Assignment Date:	10/06/2014
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	25150		

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: 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 \$250.00 for the review cost and \$2261.79 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$2511.79. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$2511.79 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]
[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: [REDACTED]
- National Correct Coding Initiatives, Hospital APC Version 19.3
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

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:** Denial of CPT code 25150 by the Claim Administrator.
- Based on the NCCI edits the use of code 25150 is not suspect when performed with CPT code 64718.
- Based on review of the operative report the use of code 25150 is substantiated. The provider indicated that the medial epicondyle was exposed, and resected with a sharp osteotome. Therefore use of code 25150 is allowed.
- Although a contract between [REDACTED] is included in the case file. [REDACTED] was not able to locate an agreement between [REDACTED] and therefore no network discount should be applied.
- CPT codes 25150 and 64718 both have a status indicator of “T” indicating that the service with the highest reimbursement is paid at the full allowed amount and the other is paid at 50% of the allowed amount. In this case, reimbursement for CPT code 25150 is higher than the reimbursement for CPT code 64718. Therefore the full paid amount of \$1838.43 will be taken into consideration when determining the reimbursement for CPT code 25150.
- Correct reimbursement calculated as follows:

25150: Adjusted CF \$80.45 x APC RW 32.3471 x WC Mult. 1.22 = \$3174.84
 64718: Adjusted CF \$80.45 x APC RW 18.8566 x WC Mult. 1.22 * .5 = \$925.38

- Total reimbursement should have been \$4100.22.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Additional reimbursement of \$2261.79 for CPT code 25150.

Date of Service: 3/18/2014						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Mult Surg	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
25150	\$ 8816.59	\$ 0	\$ 2261.79		\$ 3111.34	DISPUTED SERVICE: Reimburse additional \$2261.79.
64718	\$ 8819.59	\$ 1838.43	\$ 0		Not in Dispute	Service not in dispute

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