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**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

December 24, 2014

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<b>IBR Case Number:</b>	CB14-0000959	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	4/21/2012
<b>Claim Number:</b>	[Redacted]	<b>Application Received:</b>	7/7/2014
<b>Claims Administrator:</b>	[Redacted]	<b>Assignment Date:</b>	8/12/2014
<b>Provider Name:</b>	[Redacted]		
<b>Employee Name:</b>	[Redacted]		
<b>Disputed Codes:</b>	99205-25, 99354		

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 \$160.30 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$410.30. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$410.30 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: none
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Other: 2014 CPT published by AMA

## 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:** CPT code 99205 was down coded to 99202 and 99354 was denied by the Claim Administrator.
- The Official Medical Fee Schedule and CPT 2014 Edition were reviewed.
- Based on review of the medical record documentation the services satisfy the requirements for a level 99203 Consultation. This service has a typical time of 30 minutes.
- Based on the Psychiatric Consultation Report for service date 4/15/14 the disputed E/M code 99205 does not meet documentation requirements for a Comprehensive History and Exam. A Comprehensive History must include 10 or more Review of Systems. A Comprehensive Psychiatric exam is also required. This would be separate and in addition to the components documented in the service 96101, Psychological Testing. The Decision making is “High” as per documentation. A Consultation requires that all three key components of History, Exam and Decision Making meet or exceed the level of service.
- The prolonged time consulting with the patient exceeds the typical time of 30 minutes for a 99203 Consultation. Allow reimbursement of CPT code 99354 for additional time spent face

to face in excess of 99203. The Provider states he spent from 2:00 to 4:00 face to face with the patient during the Consultation.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Additional reimbursement of \$160.30 due to the Provider for CPT codes 99203-25, 99354, and 99355.**

Date of Service: 4/15/2014							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Assist Surgeon	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
99205-25	\$275.00	\$79.44	\$195.56	N/A	N/A	\$125.39	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> Allow additional reimbursement of \$45.95 based on CPT code 99203-25.
99354	\$125.00	\$0	\$125.00	N/A	N/A	\$114.35	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> Allow reimbursement of \$114.35 for CPT code 99354.

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