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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

April 29, 2015

[REDACTED]

IBR Case Number:	CB14-0001875	Date of Injury:	04/23/2012
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	12/08/2014
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date Assigned:	2/27/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	99214, 20550, J1030, J2001 and WC002		

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 for a total of \$250.00. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$250.00 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,

Paul Manchester, MD, MPH
Medical Director

cc: [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
- National Correct Coding Initiatives

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 codes 99214, 20550, J1030, J2001 and WC002
- Claims Administrator denied codes indicating “Payment is denied. This treatment was not authorized. No prior authorization provided for medications. Medications are to be submitted and filled through the appropriate pharmacy.”
- Documentation received for this review included Claims Administrator’s “Trigger point injection to the left shoulder/approved by UR nurse Approved Units 1” dated 07/02/2014.
- Also received for review included Explanation of Review from Claims Administrator showing payment to Provider in the amount \$212.16 after PPO discount was applied. Both codes J1030 and J2001 are included in code 20550 and therefore, no additional reimbursement is recommended for these codes.
- Claims Administrator is responsible for the IBR application fee of \$250.00 to be paid to Provider.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of codes 99214, 20550 and WC002 is recommended. Claims Administrator has already sent payment and only IBR fee of \$250.00 is now due to Provider.

Date of Service: 8/1/2014							
Physician Service							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
99214	\$125.14	\$0.00	\$125.14	1	N/A	\$112.63	DISPUTED SERVICE: No further reimbursement is recommended.
20550	\$98.68	\$0.00	\$98.68	1	N/A	\$88.81	DISPUTED SERVICE: No further reimbursement is recommended.
J1030	\$2.86	\$0.00	\$2.86	1	N/A	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: No further reimbursement is recommended.
J2001	\$0.06	\$0.00	\$0.06	3	N/A	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: No further reimbursement is recommended.
WC002	\$11.91	\$0.00	\$11.91	1	N/A	\$10.72	DISPUTED SERVICE: No further reimbursement is recommended.

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