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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

September 4, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001237	Date of Injury:	05/12/2013
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	07/29/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	05/30/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	20610, J7325-LT, and J7325-RT		

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,

Paul Manchester, MD, MPH
Medical Director

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: 2% PPO Discount
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)
- Other: Redbook

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 reimbursement of codes 20610, J7325-LT, and J7325-RT (NDC 58468009003).
- Claims Administrator reimbursed NDC 58468009003 in the amount \$701.30.
- Per Labor Code Section 5307 (e) (2) **compounded drug products are to be billed by the pharmacy or dispensing physician at the ingredient level by National Drug Code (NDC) and quantity.** The ingredient-level reimbursement shall be equal to 100 percent of the reimbursement allowed by the MEDI-CAL payment system and payment shall be based on the sum of the allowable fee for each ingredient plus a dispensing fee allowed by MEDI-CAL. If dispensed by a physician, the maximum reimbursement shall not exceed 300 percent of documented paid costs, but no more than twenty dollars above documented paid costs.
- Provider's Operative Report documents: "0.25 ml of Omnipaque (240 mg/ml) revealed joint spread and negative aspiration. This was followed by 2 ml of 0.25% Marcaine plus 2 ml of Synvisc. The above was then repeated, left knee. No complications."
- NDC 58468009003 – Synvisc One, 8mg/ml, 3 x 2ml doses. There are a total of 6 ml per package of Synvisc One (58468009003)
- Provider billed J7325-LT and J7325-RT on a UB-04 form documenting 48 units each code for NDC 58468009003.

