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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

September 1, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001285	Date of Injury:	12/04/2013
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	08/06/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	10/24/2014		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	WC007-30		

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:
- 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 code WC007-30
- Claims Administrator's indication of denial states "No separate payment was made because the value of the service is included within the value of another service"
- WC007: Consultation reports requested by the Qualified Medical Evaluator ("QME") or Agreed Medical Evaluator ("AME") in the context of a medical-legal evaluation. Use WC007, modifier -30
- Prescription request for Provider to perform EMG/NCV and Neurodiagnostic Testing and Consultation Report of Bilateral Upper and Lower Extremities was submitted in this review.
- Report submitted by Provider titled Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Consultation documents upper extremity exam and narrative findings on the upper extremities.
- Lower extremity testing was not identified in Provider's report which was requested in the referral by the AME.
- Based on information reviewed, documentation does not fulfill referral request.
- Reimbursement of WC007-30 is not warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code WC007-30

Date of Service: 10/24/2014						
Physician Services						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
WC007-30	\$158.94	\$0.00	\$158.94	1	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: Reimbursement is not recommended

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