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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

June 17, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0000508	Date of Injury:	11/06/2006
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	03/17/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	10/01/2014		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	83925, 83840, 80171, 83805 and 80182		

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 seeking remuneration for Lab Services CPT Codes, 83925, 83840, 80171, 83805 and 80182
- Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g) (2), the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation orders that the pathology and clinical laboratory fee schedule portion of the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) contained in title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.50, has been adjusted to conform to the changes to the Medicare payment system that were adopted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for calendar year 2013. Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2013, the maximum reasonable fees for pathology and laboratory services shall not exceed 120% of the applicable California fees set forth in the calendar year 2012 Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule. Based on the adoption of the CMS payment system, CMS coding guidelines and fee schedule were referenced during the review of this Independent Bill Review (IBR) case.
- As defined by the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), G0434 is defined as follows: HCPCS G0434: (Drug screen, other than chromatographic; any number of drug classes, by CLIA waived test or moderate complexity test, per patient encounter) will be used to report very simple testing methods, such as dipsticks, cups, cassettes, and cards, that are interpreted visually, with the assistance of a scanner, or are read utilizing a moderately

complex reader device outside the instrumented laboratory setting (i.e., non-instrumented devices). This code is also used to report any other type of drug screen testing using test(s) that are classified as Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) moderate complexity test(s), keeping the following points in mind:

- Includes, qualitative drug screen tests that are waived under CLIA as well as dipsticks, cups, cards, cassettes, etc. that are not CLIA waived.
- Moderate v. High complexity as defined by Centers for Disease Control Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA), “Clinical laboratory test systems are assigned a moderate or high complexity category on the basis of seven criteria given in the CLIA regulations. For commercially available FDA-cleared or approved tests, the test complexity is determined by the FDA during the pre-market approval process. For tests developed by the laboratory or that have been modified from the approved manufacturer’s instructions, the complexity category defaults to high complexity per the CLIA regulations, See 42 CFR 493.17.
- Due to the high complexity of the toxicology test performed; results report a computerized quantitative measure of each drug screened, and the fact that the computer system utilized to determine the results is not CLIA waved and the Provider’s laboratory is licensed
- A similar code historically assigned for CPT Codes 83925, 83840, 80171, 83805 and 80182 is G0431, “multiple drug classes by high complexity test method.” Given the documentation provided and the aforementioned guidelines discussed, it is recommended that the Disputed Codes: 83925, 83840, 80171, 83805 and 80182, along with the other lab codes billed, be reimbursed as code G0431 in accordance with Title 8, California Code of Regulations, §9789.50 Laboratory Fee Schedule.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code G0431 has already been met. No further reimbursement is recommended.

Date of Service: 10/1/2014							
Pathology and Laboratory Services							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
G0431	\$1002.22	\$285.04	\$1002.22	1	N/A	\$119.04	DISPUTED SERVICE: No further reimbursement is recommended.

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