

**MAXIMUS FEDERAL SERVICES, INC.**

Independent Bill Review  
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**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

June 25, 2015

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IBR Case Number:	CB15-000620	Date of Injury:	09/16/2011
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	11/03/2014
Assignment Date:	05/08/2015		
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	03/20/2014		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	96101 & 90834		

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, M.D., M.P.H.  
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
- OMFS

## 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 additional remuneration for 96101 Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, eg, mmpi, rorschach, wais), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report and 90834 Psychotherapy, 45 minutes with patient and/or family member, for date of service 03/20/2014.**
- Claims Administrator denied reimbursement based on “additional documentation” rationale.
- A Psychological Status Report signed and dated by the Provider on 04/11/2014 includes notations for the following dates of service: 03/06/2014, 03/12/2014, **03/20/2014**, 03/27/2014, 04/03/2104 & 04/10/2014.
- Time spent relative to **03/20/2014** Psychotherapy could not be found on the 4 page report.
- Individual Reports for Psychological testing could not be found for date of service **03/20/2014**.
- Psychological Status Report, Page 3, lists the “Testing/Questionnaires” but does not indicate which dates the tests were administered.
- Psychological Status Report, Page 4, lists the “Treatment Progress” but does not indicate dates performed and/or the time.
- Documentation submitted for IBR does not support reimbursement for 96101 and 90834. The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: 96101 and 90834**

<b>Date of Service: 03/20/2014</b>							
<b>Physician Services</b>							
<b>Service Code</b>	<b>Provider Billed</b>	<b>Plan Allowed</b>	<b>Dispute Amount</b>	<b>Assist Surgeon</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
96101	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	N/A	2	\$0.00	<b>Refer to Analysis</b>
98034	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	N/A	1	\$0.00	<b>Refer to Analysis</b>

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