
INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

July 13, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0000828	Date of Injury:	11/25/2013
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	05/21/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	09/08/2014 – 09/08/2014		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	64493-SG; 64493-SG-50; 64494-SG, 64494-SG-50, 64495-SG, and 64495-SG-50		

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]
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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
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

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 64493-SG; 64493-SG-50; 64494-SG, 64494-SG-50, 64495-SG, and 64495-SG-50
- Claims Administrator reimbursed codes indicating on the Explanation of Review “This charge was adjusted to comply with the rate and rules of the contract indicated”
- Provider does not dispute a contract agreement between the two parties does not exist.
- Codes 64494 and 64495 both have status indicators of N1 which shows: Packaged service/item; no separate payment made
- As the dispute is actually a contract issue, and a copy of the contract was not submitted for this review, IBR is unable to determine any additional payment due.
- § 5307.11: A health care provider or health facility licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, and a contracting agent, employer, or carrier may contract for reimbursement rates different from those in the fee schedule adopted and revised pursuant to Section 5307.1. When a health care provider or health facility licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, and a contracting agent, employer, or carrier contract for reimbursement rates different from those in the fee schedule, the medical fee schedule for that health care provider or health facility licensed

pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code shall not apply to the contracted reimbursement rates.

- § 9792.5.7 (b) unless as permitted by section 9792.5.12, independent bill review shall only be conducted if the only dispute between the provider and the claims administrator is the amount of payment owed to the provider. Any other issue, including issues of contested liability or the applicability of a contract for reimbursement rates under Labor Code 5307.11 shall be resolved before seeking independent bill review.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of codes 64493-SG; 64493-SG-50; 64494-SG, 64494-SG-50, 64495-SG, and 64495-SG-50 is not recommended.

Date of Service: 9/8/2014						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
64493-SG; 64493-SG-50; 64494-SG, 64494-SG-50, 64495-SG, and 64495-SG-50	\$4800.00	\$751.70	\$4048.30	N/A	\$751.70	DISPUTED SERVICE: No further reimbursement is recommended

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