

**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

August 7, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001125	Date of Injury:	04/30/2014
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	07/13/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	09/12/2014		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	29826-51RT and 0232T-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: OVERTURN. MAXIMUS Federal Services has determined that additional reimbursement is warranted. The Claims Administrator’s determination is reversed and the Claim Administrator owes the Provider additional reimbursement of \$195.00 for the review cost and \$2289.95 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$2484.95. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$2484.95 within 45 days of the date on this letter per section 4603.2 (2a) of the California Labor Code. 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
- 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 denial of codes 29826-51RT and 0232T-RT
- Claims Administrator denied code indicating on the Explanation of Review “Reimbursement has been manually priced to original payment”
- Provider’s report documents procedure performed.
- Reimbursement of 29826 is warranted.
- Claims Administrator denied code 0232T based on “The anesthesia procedure is included in the surgery procedure.”
- CMS 1500 indicates Place of Service 22
- 0232T Reflects Zero Value under OMFS. As such, 0232T is a By Report Code.
- Assigned Status Code for 0232T is ‘C.’
- § 9789.12.3 Status Codes C, I, N and R  
(a) Except as otherwise provided in this fee schedule, for physician and non-physician practitioner services billed using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, the RVUs listed in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS’) National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File will be utilized regardless of status code.

