

**MAXIMUS FEDERAL SERVICES, INC.**

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

August 19, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001198	Date of Injury:	05/19/2014
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	07/24/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	08/12/2014		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	93654		

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 \$14,080.43 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$14,275.43. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$14,275.43 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
- 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 93654
- Claims Administrator reimbursed \$1,259.57 with indication on the first Explanation of Review “The charge exceeds the Official Medical Fee Schedule Allowance. The charge has been adjusted to the scheduled allowance” and the second EOR “Procedures admission that are not emergency room visits or surgical procedures and which are performed by physicians and other licensed health care providers shall be paid according to Section 9789.10 and 9789.11. We find our original review to be correct, therefore, no additional allowance is recommended”
- Provider billed code 93654 on a UB04 as Bill Type 131 – Hospital Outpatient Discharge
- 93654 has status indicator Q3 and does qualify as the APC payment for this date of service.
- §9789.33. Hospital Outpatient Departments and Ambulatory Surgical Facilities Fee Schedule - Determination of Maximum Reasonable Fee: For services rendered on or after January 1, 2013 and before September 1, 2014: APC relative weight x adjusted conversion factor x 1.20 workers' compensation multiplier for hospital outpatient departments and 0.80 workers' compensation multiplier for ambulatory surgical centers, pursuant to Section 9789.30(aa).
- Based on information reviewed, additional reimbursement for 93654 is warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 93654

Date of Service: 08/12/2014					
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
93654	\$75,127.87	\$1,259.57	\$14,080.43	\$15,340.00	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> Allow reimbursement \$14,080.43

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