

**MAXIMUS FEDERAL SERVICES, INC.**

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

January 25, 2016

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IBR Case Number:	CB16-0000005	Date of Injury:	08/30/1999
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	01/04/2016
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	09/22/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	64520-LT		

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 \$292.63 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$487.63. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$487.63 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: 90% Reimbursement
- 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 seeking remuneration of 64520 Injection, anesthetic agent; lumbar or thoracic (paravertebral sympathetic) performed on date of service 09/22/2015
- Claims Administrator reimbursed \$585.50 with rationale “services reduced to the outpatient perspective payment system”
- 64520 has status indicator T - Procedure, Multiple Reduction Applies. Paid under OPPS; Separate APC payment.
- Status Code Indicators: For services rendered on or after September 1, 2014 - “S”, “T”, “X”, or “V”, “Q1”, “Q2”, or “Q3”. Status code indicators “Q1”, “Q2”, and “Q3” must qualify for separate payment.
- Provider billed code 64520 along with no other services on a UB04 Type of Bill 131.
- Authorization submitted documents “Left L2 sympathetic block for lumbar spine and left ankle,” and is “Certified” dated 9/9/15.
- Operative Report submitted documents L2-3 left-sided sympathetic block performed on date of service 09/22/2015.
- For services rendered on or after September 1, 2014: APC relative weight x adjusted conversion factor x 1.212 workers’ compensation multiplier, pursuant to Section 9789.30(aa). See Section 9789.39(b) for the APC relative.

- Contract agreement not submitted for review. Provider states a 10% PPO discount is to be applied to reimbursement.
- Opportunity for Claims Administrator to disputed eligibility letter sent on 1/5/16. A response from Claims Administrator was not received for review.
- Based on HOPPS reimbursement guidelines, additional reimbursement of 64520 is warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 64520**

<b>Date of Service: 09/22/2015</b>						
<b>Service Code</b>	<b>Provider Billed</b>	<b>Plan Allowed</b>	<b>Dispute Amount</b>	<b>Multiple Surgery</b>	<b>Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
64520	\$1623.00	\$585.50	\$292.63	N/A	\$878.13	\$292.63 Due to Provider

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