

**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

February 3, 2016

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IBR Case Number:	CB16-0000039	Date of Injury:	08/27/2015
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	01/08/2016
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	10/13/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	96101-59, 96102, 90899, and WC007		

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 \$726.90 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$921.90. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$921.90 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]

## 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: N/A
- National Correct Coding Initiatives

## 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 96101-59, 96102, 90899, and WC007 services performed 10/13/2015.**
- The Claims Administrator denied codes with rationale “
- Communication from Legal Parties authorizing Med-Legal services reviewed.
- Code Description CPT 96101 Psychological; testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g., mmmpi, 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.
- 96102: Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, eg, MMPI and WAIS), with qualified health care professional interpretation and report, administered by technician, per hour of technician time, face-to-face.
- Page 1 of the Provider’s Psychological Consultation Report documents “6 hours of Psychological test completion and interpretation by a psychologist; 96102-59 for 1 additional hour of test assessment and scoring by a psychologist”
- Per Correct Coding Policies for NCCI Policy Manual for Medicare Services, 1/1/2015 chapter 1 **Mutually Exclusive Procedures** - Many procedure codes cannot be reported together because they are mutually exclusive of each other. Mutually exclusive

