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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

February 13, 2016

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IBR Case Number:	CB16-0000077	Date of Injury:	02/24/2013
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	01/18/2016
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Assignment Date:	02/04/2015		
Date(s) of service:	06/25/2015 – 06/25/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	96102-32 x 6		

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 \$80.89 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$275.89. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **\$275.89** 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, M.D., M.P.H.
Medical Director

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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
- Med-Legal OMFS

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 for 96102-32 x 6 for date of service 06/25/2015.**
- The Claims Administrator denied services as “non-compensable,” on initial EOR with \$404.45 reimbursement reflected on second EOR. Units on 2nd EOR reflects down coding of units from 6 to 5; explanation as to the reduction is unclear.
- 96102 CPT Definition: 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/**
- **Psychological Testing Integrative Report Summary**, page 1, indicates “6 hours” of “face to face” time.
- **Administrative Rules § 9793(C)(g)"Medical-legal expense"** means any costs or expenses incurred by or on behalf of any party or parties, the administrative director, or the appeals board for X-rays, laboratory fees, other diagnostic tests, medical reports, medical records, medical testimony, and as needed, interpreter's fees, for the purpose of proving or disproving a contested claim.
- **PPO Contract** not applicable to Med-Legal Fee Schedule.
- **Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, additional reimbursement is indicated for 96102-32 x 6.**

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE:96102

Date of Service: 06/25/2015 Physician Services						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
96102	\$587.82	\$404.45	\$183.34	6	\$485.34	\$80.89 Due Provider Refer to Analysis

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