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Independent Bill Review Final Determination Reversed

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Re: Claim Number: [redacted]
Claims Administrator name: [redacted]
Date of Disputed Services: 2/15/2013 – 3/11/2013
MAXIMUS IBR Case: CB13-0000233

Dear [redacted]

Determination
A Request for Independent Bill Review (IBR) was assigned to MAXIMUS Federal Services on 7/31/2013, by the Administrative Director of the California Division of Workers' Compensation pursuant to California Labor Code section 4603.6. MAXIMUS Federal Services has determined that the **Claims Administrator's determination is reversed. The Claims Administrator is required to reimburse you the IBR fee of $335.00 and the amount found owing of $172.72, for a total of $507.72.**

Pertinent Records and Other Appropriate Information Relevant to the Determination Reviewed:
The following evidence was used to support the decision:

- 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 or negotiated contract: PPO Contract
- Other: OMFS Clinical Laboratory and Pathology Fee Schedule and Medicare CCI Policy Manual

Supporting Analysis:
The dispute regards the amount paid for laboratory services (G0431) performed on dates of service 2/15/2013 and 3/11/2013. The Provider billed HCPCS G0431, was reimbursed $43.18 and is requesting additional reimbursement of $104.00. The Claims Administrator based it's reimbursement of billed code G0431 on code G0434 for both dates of service indicating "Based on the documentation submitted, the service performed is a routine drug screen. Per CMS the drug screen CPTs were changed to G0431 for labs and G0434 for physicians. The service is a “PER” patient encounter CPT. Refer to the CMS.GOV."

The toxicology results submitted report a quantitative measure of each drug screened. This high complexity toxicology screening is utilized to affirm compliance during the use of prescribed pain management medications taken on a long term basis.

Upon review of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines, HCPCS code G0434 is utilized to report urine drug screening performed by a test that is CLIA waived or moderate complexity test. Due to the complexity of the toxicology test performed, the levels tracked and results obtained, the billed services shall be paid in accordance with HCPCS code G0431. The HCPCS code G0431 is reported with only one unit of service regardless of the number of drugs screened. The testing described by G0431 includes all CLIA high complexity urine drug screen testing as well as any less complex urine drug screen testing performed at the same patient encounter. The description of HCPCS code G0431 is "Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes by high complexity test method (e.g. immunoassay, enzyme assay), per patient encounter."

The drug screen services provided were of high complexity test method. The HCPCS code G0431 criteria has been met based on the documentation submitted by the Provider. Therefore, the code assignment G0434 and payment made by the Claims Administrator was not appropriate.

The additional reimbursement of $172.72 for the Official Medical Fee Schedule code G0431 for dates of service 2/15/2013 and 3/11/2013 is warranted based on the documentation submitted.

The chart below provides a comparison of billed charges and reimbursement rates for the codes and dates of services at issue.

Validated Code	Validated Modifier	Validated Modifier	Validated Units	Dispute Amount	Total Fee Schedule Allowance	Provider Paid Amount	Allowed Recommended Reimbursement	Fee Schedule Utilized
G0431			1	$102.00	$107.95	$21.59	$86.36	PPO Contract
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MAXIMUS Federal Services, as the Independent Bill Review Organization, has determined the Claims Administrator owes the Provider additional reimbursement. The Claims Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider for the IBR application fee (**$335.00**) and the OMFS amount for HCPCS G0431 ($172.72) for a total of $507.72.

The Claims Administrator *is required to reimburse the provider $507.72 within* ***45 days of date on this notice per section 4603.2 (2a).*** *This decision constitutes the final determination of the Division of Workers’ Compensation Administrative Director, is binding on all parties, and is not subject to further appeal except as specified in Labor Code section 4603.6(*f).

Sincerely,

[redacted], RHIT

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