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Independent Bill Review

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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: 1/23/2013 – 1/23/2013
MAXIMUS IBR Case: CB13-0000024

Dear [REDACTED],

Determination

A Request for Independent Bill Review (IBR) pursuant to California Labor Code section 4603.6 was received by MAXIMUS Federal Services on 4/25/2013. The Administrative Director of the California Division of Workers' Compensation assigned MAXIMUS Federal Services, Inc. to perform the Independent Bill Review, pursuant to California Labor Code section 4603.6. MAXIMUS Federal Services has determined that the **Plan determination is reversed. The Claims Administrator is required to reimburse you the IBR fee of \$335.00 and the amount found owing of \$66.12 for a total of \$401.12.**

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 contact: CorCare II WC
- Other: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services National Correct Coding Initiative guidelines 1/1/13

Supporting Analysis:

This dispute regards the amount paid for laboratory services performed on 1/23/2013. The provider used CPT codes 82145, 82205, 80154, 82520, 83840, 83992, 83925, 83925, 82145, 82055, 82570 and was reimbursed \$47.82 and is now requesting an additional payment of \$218.32. The claims administrator bundled the laboratory services into HCPCS G0434, and indicated "the documentation does not support the level of service". .

The toxicology results submitted report a quantitative measure of each drug screened. This high complexity toxicology screening is medically necessary to affirm compliance during the use of prescribed dangerous 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 CPT codes 82145, 82205, 80154, 82520, 83840, 83992, 83925, 83925, 82145, 82055, 82570 must be bundled and 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 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 paid by the claims administrator is not appropriate.

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	\$218.32	\$113.94	\$47.82	\$66.12	PPO Contract

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 PPO contract amount for HCPCS G0431 ($\$113.94 - \$47.82 = \$66.12$) for a total of \$401.12.

The Claims Administrator is required to reimburse the provider \$401.12 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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Division of Workers' Compensation Medical Unit

Attention: [REDACTED]

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