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Independent Bill Review
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8/15/2013

Independent Bill Review Final Determination Upheld

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Re: Claim Number: [REDACTED]
Claims Administrator name: [REDACTED]
Date of Disputed Services: 1/25/2013 – 1/25/2013
MAXIMUS IBR Case: CB13-0000096

Dear [REDACTED],

Determination:

A Request for Independent Bill Review (IBR) was assigned to MAXIMUS Federal Services on 6/19/2013, 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 upheld**. This determination finds that the Claims Administrator does not owe the Provider additional reimbursement.

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
- Other: CMS NCCI Policy Manual, AMA CPT coding guidelines

Supporting Analysis:

The dispute regards the denial of reimbursement for pharmacologic management services on date of service 1/25/2013. The Provider billed CPT 90862 and requested reimbursement of \$50.43. The Claims Administrator denied reimbursement for CPT 90862 indicating "By clinical practice standards, this procedure is incidental to the related primary procedure billed."

The worker was seen for an office consultation and pharmacologic management services on date of service 1/25/2013. The Provider billed CPT 99244 Modifier 93 for the Evaluation and Management services and CPT 90862 for the pharmacologic management services. The Claims Administrator allowed reimbursement on CPT 99244.

The description of 99244 is "Office consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these 3 key components: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity." The description of CPT 90862 is " Pharmacologic management, including prescription, use, and review of medication with no more than the minimal medical psychotherapy."

According to the Medicare National Correct Coding Initiative "Pharmacologic management is included in the psychiatric services that are reported with the evaluation and management services or that include medical services." Pharmacologic management is not separately reportable with diagnostic or therapeutic psychiatric services.

The documentation submitted did not support additional reimbursement for CPT code 90862. The denial of reimbursement of CPT 90862 by the Claims Administrator was appropriate. There is no additional reimbursement warranted per the Official Medical Fee Schedule code 90862.

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
90862			1	\$50.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	OMFS

Chief Coding Specialist Decision Rationale:

This decision was based on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid National Correct Coding Initiative Policy Manual, AMA CPT, OMFS coding guidelines and comparison with OMFS Fee Schedule. This was determined correctly by the Claims Administrator and the payment of \$0.00 is upheld.

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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