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## Independent Bill Review Final Determination Reversed

8/29/2014

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| IBR Case Number: | CB14-0000118 | Date of Injury: | 9/6/1998 |
| Claim Number: | [redacted] | Application Received: | 1/27/2014 |
| Claims Administrator: | [redacted] | | |
| Date(s) of service: | 3/27/2013 – 3/27/2013 | | |
| Provider Name: | [redacted] | | |
| Employee Name: | [redacted] | | |
| Disputed Codes: | 93320 and 93325 | | |

Dear [redacted]

**Determination:**

A Request for Independent Bill Review (IBR) was assigned to MAXIMUS Federal Services on 3/21/2014, 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 $267.24, for a total of $602.24.**

**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: OMFS
- Other: OMFS code descriptions and guidelines

**Supporting Analysis:**

The dispute regards the denial of echocardiography services (93320 and 93325). The Claims Administrator denied reimbursement on the billed codes 93320 and 93325 on the initial and second explanation of review (EOR). The EOR in response to the Provider's appeal provided the following explanation "No separate payment was made because the value of the service is included within the value of another service performed on the same day. (93320, 93307)."

The Provider billed the following services on date of service 3/27/2013:93307; 93320; and 93325.

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 1997, Medicine Section Code Description:
• CPT 93307 - Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D) with or without M-mode recording; complete.
• CPT 93320 - Doppler echocardiography, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave with spectral display (list separately in addition to codes for echocardiographic imaging 93307, 93308, 93312, 93314, 93315, 93316, 93317, 93350); complete.
• CPT 93325 - Doppler color flow velocity mapping (list separately in addition to code for echocardiography 76825, 76826, 76827, 76828, 93307, 93308, 93312, 93314, 93320, 93321, 93350).

The Claims Administrator allowed reimbursement on CPT code 93307 and denied reimbursement on CPT codes 93320 and 93325.

The coding for physician services in the OMFS Physician Services Fee Schedule is based on procedure codes, descriptors, and modifiers of the American Medical Association's Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 1997. The OMFS 1997 code descriptions for both 93320 and 93325 indicate both codes can be listed separately and in addition to 93307. Based on the Fee Schedule in effect for the date of service 3/27/2013, the denial of CPT 93320 and 93325 by the Claims Administrator was not correct.

Based on the documentation submitted, reimbursement of $267.24 for Official Medical Fee Schedule codes 93320 and 93325 is warranted.

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

| Validated Code | Validated Units | Dispute Amount | Total Fee Schedule Allowance | Provider Paid Amount | Allowed Recommended Reimbursement | Fee Schedule Utilized |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93320 | 1 | $157.16 | $157.16 | $0.00 | $157.16 | OMFS |
| 93325 | 1 | $110.08 | $110.08 | $0.00 | $110.08 | OMFS |

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 CPT codes 93320 and 93325 ($267.24) for a total of $602.24.

***The Claims Administrator*** *is required to reimburse the provider $602.24 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
Chief Coding Reviewer

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