

**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

December 18, 2014

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<b>IBR Case Number:</b>	CB14-0001206	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	04/24/2013
<b>Claim Number:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>Application Received:</b>	08/26/2014
<b>Claims Administrator:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>Assignment Date:</b>	10/02/2014
<b>Provider Name:</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>Employee Name:</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>Disputed Codes:</b>	99499 and WC004		

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 \$250.00 for the review cost and \$218.03 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$468.03. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$468.03 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,

[REDACTED]  
Medical Director

cc: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## 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
- Official Medical Fee Schedule
- Negotiated contracted rates: Authorization of Record Review
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Other: OMFS, California Specific Codes

## 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 is dissatisfied with denial of code 99499 and reimbursement of WC004.
- Claims Administrator reimbursed \$18.48 for code WC004 indicating on the Explanation of Review “This bill was reviewed using the Official Medical Fee Schedule of California.”
- § 9789.12.14 California Specific Codes Physicians and non-physician practitioners shall use the “California Specific Codes” listed below. Maximum reasonable fees for services performed by physicians and non-physician practitioners within their scope of practice shall be no more than the fee listed in section 9789.19, by date of service. The fees shall be updated annually in accordance with the Medicare Economic Index.
- § 9789.19 Update Table (a) Services Rendered On or After 1/1/2014. Documents listed in the following table are incorporated by reference and will be made available upon request to the Administrative Director.
- WC004-\$38.68 for first page \$23.80 each additional page. **Maximum of seven pages** absent mutual agreement (\$181.48). Therefore, no further reimbursement of WC004 is warranted.

- Claims Administrator denied code 99499 indicating on the Explanation of Review “Record review is not payable in 2014.”
- Based on review of the authorization signed by Claims Adjuster dated 04/07/2014. Claims Administrator Approved Record Review code 99499 and therefore needs to honor their commitment.
- Provider documents 1.5 hours of record review in the report submitted for a total of 6 units and submitted bill for \$218.03.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Based on information reviewed, reimbursement of code 99499 is warranted.**

Date of Service: 5/6/2014							
Physician Services							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
WC004	\$205.28	\$181.48	\$23.80	8	N/A	\$181.48	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> No reimbursement recommended
99499	\$218.03	\$0.00	\$218.03	6	N/A	\$218.03	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> Allow reimbursement \$218.03

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