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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

December 23, 2014

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IBR Case Number:	CB14-0001259	**Date of Injury:**	05/20/2013
Claim Number:	[redacted]	**Application Received:**	09/04/2014
Claims Administrator:	[redacted]	**Assignment Date:**	10/09/2014
Provider Name:	[redacted]		
Employee Name:	[redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	24305		

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 $2669.61 in additional reimbursement for a total of $2919.61.A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of $2919.61 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]

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: PPO Discount 7%
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

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 reimbursement of code 24305. "Paid under incorrect fee schedule. We were reimbursed under physician fee schedule which is incorrect, our facility is outpatient hospital."
- Claims Administrator reimbursed $412.64 indicating on the Explanation of Review "Any reduction is in accordance with the owned contract."
- The Administrative Director incorporates by reference, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS) certain addenda published in the Federal Register notices announcing revisions in the Medicare payment rates. See Section 9789.39(b) for the adopted payment system addenda by date of service.
- For services rendered in hospital outpatient departments on or after January 1, 2013, Workers' Compensation Multiplier means the 120% Medicare multiplier or the 122% multiplier that includes an extra 2% reimbursement for high cost outlier cases.
- Review of PPO contract states "For services rendered to occupationally ill/injured employees, reimbursement shall be ninety three percent (93%) of the amount payable under guidelines established under any State law or regulation pertaining to health care services rendered for occupationally ill/injured employees."

- Based on information reviewed, reimbursement of outpatient code 24305 is warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 24305 is recommended.

Date of Service: 5/14/2014						
Hospital Outpatient Departments and Ambulatory Surgical Centers						
Service Code	**Provider Billed**	**Plan Allowed**	**Dispute Amount**	**Multiple Surgery**	**Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.**	**Notes**
24305	$10343.00	$412.64	$2633.17	N/A	$3082.25	**DISPUTED SERVICE**: Allow reimbursement $2669.61

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