

**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

December 24, 2014

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<b>IBR Case Number:</b>	CB14-0001460	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	06/07/2014
<b>Claim Number:</b>	[Redacted]	<b>Application Received:</b>	09/29/2014
<b>Claims Administrator:</b>	[Redacted]	<b>Assignment Date:</b>	10/29/2014
<b>Provider Name:</b>	[Redacted]		
<b>Employee Name:</b>	[Redacted]		
<b>Disputed Codes:</b>	15100, 26567-51, 14040-51 and 15004		

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 \$649.36 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$899.36. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$899.36 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,

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cc: [Redacted]  
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## **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 10%
- 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 codes 15100, 26567-51, 14040-51 and 15004
- Claims Administrator reimbursed \$2916.20 indicating on the Explanation of Review “This charge was adjusted to comply with the rate and rules of the contract indicated.”
- 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.
- Maximus requested a copy of the contract between Provider and Claims Administrator. Provider submitted documentation stating a 10% discount agreement between the two parties exists. Claims Administrator did not submit any documentation regarding the contract they reimbursed.
- Based on information reviewed, additional reimbursement for codes 15100, 14040-51 and 15004 is warranted.
- Maximus does not apply penalties and interest.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of codes 15100, 14040-51 and 15004 is recommended.**

Date of Service: 6/10/2014						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
15100	\$2051.97	\$1357.34	\$150.81	100%	\$1846.77	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> Allow reimbursement \$489.43
26567-51	\$1101.59	\$991.43	\$110.16	50%	\$910.43	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> No reimbursement recommended.
14040-51	\$622.38	\$462.74	\$51.42	50%	\$560.12	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> Allow reimbursement \$97.38
15004	\$185.86	\$104.69	\$11.63	50%	\$167.24	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> Allow reimbursement \$62.55

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