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Independent Bill Review
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Independent Bill Review Final Determination Reversed

10/14/2014

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IBR Case Number:	CB14-0000337	Date of Injury:	06/02/2009
Claim Number:	██████████	Application Received:	03/10/2014
Claims Administrator:	██████████		
Date(s) of service:	08/28/2013-08/28/2013		
Provider Name:	████████████████████		
Employee Name:	████████████████████		
Disputed Codes:	17304		

Dear ██████████:

Determination:

A Request for Independent Bill Review (IBR) was assigned to MAXIMUS Federal Services on 04/28/2014, 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 \$250.00 and the amount found owing of \$208.08 for a total of \$458.08

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: OMFS and PPO Contractual Agreement

ANALYSIS AND FINDING

Based on review of the case file the following is noted:

- **ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Code 17304 is under review as it the codes were denied in full (or part) for Reimbursement.**
- **CPT 17304 Chemosurgery (mohs micrographic technique)** - Claims Administrator reimbursed code with the following message: 1) “Multiple Procedures (50%) per Professional Review. 2) Skin repair by adjacent tissue transfer done by (another Provider)... multiple procedure...”
- Provided CMS 1500 form reviewed and verified:
 - Date of Service: 08/28/2013
 - Patient: Verified
 - Procedure Codes: 17304 (3.2wt), 17305 (1.5wt), 17999 [17107] (2.9wt)
- Surgeon: 2 surgeons performing separately identifiable procedures.
 - No mention of “Co-Surgeon” or “Co-Surgeon” agreement.
 - 2nd Surgeon is a Plastic Surgeon
 - 1st Surgeon is a Dermatologist
 - *Multiple Surgery Rule Does Not Apply as Providers are not in the same specialty.*
- 2nd Surgeon procedure, skin repair was not billed by Provider
 - Performed after Chemosurgery (mohs micrographic technique) by a separate Provider in a separate specialty.
 - Provider billed for separately identifiable procedures.
- OMFS procedure cascade is based on weight of service codes
- Documentation supports separate surgeon performing distinct and separate procedure, CPT 17304 is primary code.
- CPT 17304 Findings; Reimbursement is warranted for primary CPT Code 17304.
 - [OMFS \$489.60 X 85% PPO Contract] – Reimbursement \$208.08 = **\$208.08**
- **DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Recommend reimbursement of code 17304 as service was separate and distinct from the skin repair procedure billed by the 2nd surgeon.**

Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amount	Notes
<i>Date of Service – 08/28/2013</i>						
<i>Surgical Procedures</i>						
17304	\$1000.00	\$208.08	\$791.82	1	\$416.16	Recommend \$208.08

Determination: Reversed

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 (\$250.00) and the OMFS amount for CPT code 17304 (\$208.08) for a total of \$458.08

The Claims Administrator is required to reimburse the provider \$458.08 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,

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