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Independent Bill Review
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Independent Bill Review Final Determination Reversed

10/6/2014

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IBR Case Number:	CB14-0000342	Date of Injury:	02/03/2011
Claim Number:	██████████	Application Received:	03/10/2014
Claims Administrator:	██████████		
Date(s) of service:	10/02/2013 – 10/02/2013		
Provider Name:	████████████████████		
Employee Name:	██████████		
Disputed Codes:	00300 QS QZ		

Dear ██████████:

Determination:

A Request for Independent Bill Review (IBR) was assigned to MAXIMUS Federal Services on 4/30/2014, 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 \$27.85, for a total of \$362.85.**

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: PPO Contract
- Other: OMFS Anesthesia Ground Rules and Fee Schedule , AMA CPT

Analysis and Findings:

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

- **ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Provider dissatisfied with reimbursement of code 00300-QS, QZ.**
- Based on review of case documentation the use of code 00300-QS-QZ is substantiated as the patient required anesthesia services for a left stellate ganglion block/gangliogram. The patient required more extensive anesthesia as he/she could not stay still for the procedure.
- The allowance is to be calculated based on the PPO Contract and therefore the 15% discount is applicable.
- Reimbursement Calculation Factors:
 - Anesthesia time: 11:03 – 11:20
 - Anesthesia time calculated at 17 minute increments.
 - Anesthesia base units for code 00300 = 5 units
 - Anesthesia time units = 1 unit (17 minutes)
 - Total units = 6 units
 - Anesthesia Conversion factor = \$34.50
 - 5% reduction applied to Anesthesia Conversion factor = \$32.775
 - Reimbursement calculation = Anesthesia Units x Anesthesia Conversion Factor = Allowed = (6 x 32.775) * .85 = \$167.15
- **DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Additional reimbursement of \$27.85 to be made.**

Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amount	Notes
<i>Date of Service – 10/2/2013</i>						
<i>Anesthesia</i>						
00300-QS-QZ	\$490.00	\$139.30	\$57.38	6	\$167.15	DISPUTED SERVICE – Additional reimbursement to the provider to be made for \$27.85.

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 (**\$335.00**) and the OMFS amount for CPT code 00300 Modifier QS, QZ (\$27.85) for a total of \$362.85.

The Claims Administrator is required to reimburse the provider \$362.85 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,

██████████, RHIT
Chief Coding Reviewer

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