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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

November 10, 2014

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IBR Case Number:	CB14-0000394	Date of Injury:	08/14/2013
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	03/18/2014
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]	Assignment Date:	05/15/2014
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	DRG 580		

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 \$350.00 for the review cost and \$369.18 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$719.18. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$719.18 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]
Chief Coding Reviewer

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:
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)
- Other: Partial PPO Contract

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 questioning decreased reimbursement for Hospital Inpatient DRG 580.
- Claims Administrator reimbursement rationale is as follows: “The charge exceeds the Official Medical Fee Schedule Allowance.”
- Contractual Agreement provided states “98%” OMFS
- Procedures, Diagnoses, and Date of Service entered into DRG Data Base, DRG580 level confirmed; DRG 580 Medicare Reimbursement = \$18,459.00
- Copy of provided Electronic Claim Form Submitted by the Provider reflects a billed charge of \$18,459.00 for DRG 580.
- Partial Contractual Agreement was received; contractual language does not stipulate **billed** charges will be converted to OMFS Allowable Amounts.
- Amount billed by the Provider for DRG 580 = \$18,459.00
- Claims Administrator Reimbursed **98%** of billed Charge = \$18,089.82
- Reimbursement recommended based on billed charges up to 98% of OMFS allowance, per PPO contract language.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 580.

Date of Service: 06/05/2013						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
DRG580	\$18,459.00	\$18,089.82	\$2,947.26	1	\$18,459.00	\$18,459.00 – Reimbursement \$18,089.82 = \$369.18

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