

MAXIMUS FEDERAL SERVICES, INC.

Independent Bill Review
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Independent Bill Review Final Determination Upheld

10/14/2014

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IBR Case Number:	CB14-0000599	Date of Injury:	02/15/2011
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	4/14/2014
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	12/18/2013 – 12/18/2013		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	82486		

Dear [REDACTED]

Determination:

A Request for Independent Bill Review (IBR) was assigned to MAXIMUS Federal Services on 06/20/2014, 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 upheld**. This determination finds that the Claims Administrator does not owe the Provider additional reimbursement.

Pertinent Records and Other Appropriate Information Relevant to the Determination Reviewed:

The following evidence was used to support the decision:

- [REDACTED]

ANALYSIS AND FINDING:

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

ISSUE IN DISPUTE: dispute regards the payment amount for laboratory services for date of service 12/18/2013.

- The provider billed CPT code 82486 (40 units), was reimbursed \$119.94 and requesting an additional reimbursement of \$1,071.42.
- The Claims Administrator bundled CPT code 82486 into HCPCS G0431 and reimbursed \$119.94 with the explanation: "The charge exceeds the official medical fee schedule allowance. The charge has been adjusted to the scheduled allowance. Allowance based on maximum number of units allowed per fee schedule guidelines and/or service code description. The procedure was reviewed according to the submitted report. Please note: number of units were changed according to the performed service/time/qty. The procedure code billed does not accurately describe the services performed. Reimbursement was made for a code that is supported by the description and documentation submitted with the billing."
- The provider submitted laboratory results for the CPT code 82486 documenting qualitative test results for the following drug categories: Narcotics/Analgesics, Opiates, Oxycodone, Methadone, Benzodiazepines, Barbiturates, Amphetamines, Tricyclic Antidepressants, Antidepressants, Neuropathic, Sedatives /Hypnotics. The provider conducted drug screening tests utilizing the Chromatography method.
- The HCPCS code G0431 can be used for any method and is reported with only one unit of service regardless of the number of drugs screen. The testing described by G0431 includes all CLIA high complexity urine drug screen testing as well as any less complex urine drug screen testing performed at the same patient encounter.
- The description of HCPCS code G0431 "Drug Screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes by high complexity test method (e.g. immunoassay, enzyme assay), per patient encounter." The drug screen services provided were of high complexity test method. The HCPCS code G0431 criteria has been met based on the documentation submitted by the Provider. Therefore the final review determination is upheld, no other reimbursement is due the provider.
- **DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: No additional reimbursement recommended for the billed code 82486 x 40 units.**

Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amount	Notes
Date of Service – 12/18/2013						
Drug Testing						
G0431	\$1,227.20	\$119.94	\$1,071.42	1	\$119.94	DISPUTED SERVICE – Further Reimbursement not warranted reimbursement of 82486

Determination: UPHOLD

Chief Coding Specialist Decision Rationale:

This decision was based on supplied medical record and comparison with OMFS Pathology and Laboratory Fee Schedule. This was determined correctly by the Claims Administrator and the payment of \$119.94 is upheld.

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,


Chief Coding Reviewer

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