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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

December 3, 2014

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IBR Case Number:	CB14-0000630	Date of Injury:	01/28/2006
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	04/15/2014
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]	Assignment Date:	06/23/2014
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	99245, 99354 and 99355		

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 \$292.90 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$542.90. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$542.90 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: Corvel
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Other: CMS 1997 Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Services, CPT published by AMA

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:** CPT code 99245 was down coded to CPT code 90801, and CPT codes 99354 and 99355 were denied by the Claims Administrator.
- The CMS 1997 Guidelines and the American Medical Association (AMA), CPT, and the Official Medical Fee Schedule were reviewed.
- CPT code 99245 is based on typical time of 80 minutes face to face time with patient and or family. The physician attested he spent 2 hours and 50 minutes fulfilling the requirements for CPT code 99245. This is an additional 90 minutes over the typical time assigned by CPT code 99245. The prolonged office visit time fulfills code 99354 (60 minutes) and 99355 (30 minutes).
- All services were substantiated by the medical record documentation and the OMFS fee schedule definitions.
- Reimbursement set at 80% of billed charges per the [REDACTED] contract.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimburse CPT codes 99245, 99354 and 99355. An additional \$292.90 is due to the Provider.

Date of Service: 11/18/2013							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Assist Surgeon	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
99245	\$ 246.50	\$ 120.54	\$ 125.96	N/A	N/A	\$ 197.20	DISPUTED SERVICE: Allow reimbursement for E/M Consultation code 99245. Additional amount of \$76.66.
99354	\$ 180.20	\$ 0	\$ 180.20	N/A	N/A	\$144.16	DISPUTED SERVICE: Allow reimbursement for 99354 at \$144.16.
99355	\$ 90.10	\$ 0	\$ 90.10	N/A	N/A	\$72.08	DISPUTED SERVICE: Allow reimbursement for 99355 at \$72.08.

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