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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

January 8, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB14-0001576	Date of Injury:	05/21/2010
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	10/16/2014
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]	Assignment Date:	11/12/2014
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	93306		

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: UPHOLD. MAXIMUS Federal Services has determined that no additional reimbursement is warranted. The Claims Administrator’s determination is upheld and the Claim Administrator does not owe the Provider additional reimbursement. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

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]
Medical Director

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:
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

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 is dissatisfied with reimbursement of code 93306 or 93307.
- Claims Administrator reimbursed \$91.55 based on code 93799 indicating on the Explanation of Review “Additional recommendation is based upon additional supporting documentation received.”
- Provider’s UB-04 CMS 1450 form submitted shows billed code 93306. Provider’s Request for Second Bill Review shows code 93307 and Explanation of Review shows code 93799. Provider’s Transthoracic Echocardiographic Report documents code 93306 was performed. Information submitted is not consistent or clear on what Provider is trying to detail in this review.
- Provider states “We initially billed the third party administrator and they denied our services as not-authorized, however this is an incorrect denial since services were requested by an agreed medical examiner; doctor.”
- No request was submitted in this review to provide information regarding what service was asked upon the Provider by Agreed Medical Examiner or another doctor.
- Based on information reviewed, no further reimbursement is warranted for any of the codes submitted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 93306 is not recommended.

Date of Service: 06/03/2013						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
93306	\$2425.52	\$91.55	\$2333.97	1	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: Additional reimbursement is not recommended.

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