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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

January 23, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB14-0001682	Date of Injury:	04/20/2014
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	11/10/2014
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Assign Date:	12/12/2014		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	HCPC G0378		

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)
- Other: Title 8, CCR 9789.32 (a) (1)

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:** Denial of HCPCS code G0378.
- Based on review of the CY 2013 OPPS Addendum B, code G0378 has a status indicator of 'N'.
- Per Title 8, CCR 9789.32 (a)(1), codes with a status indicator of N, Q, Q1, Q2, and Q3 are "packaged into the APC payment for the emergency room visit or surgical procedure (in which case no additional fee is allowable)"
- Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 4, Section 10.2.1 has directed to use a composite APC for this service, however the specific instruction in the CCR directs otherwise.
- No additional reimbursement is warranted for G0378.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code G0378 is not recommended.

Date of Service: 04/20/2014						
Hospital Observation Services						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
G0378	\$37350.93	\$0.00	\$1098.94	N/A	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: Reimbursement not recommended.

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