

**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

March 4, 2015

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<b>IBR Case Number:</b>	CB14-00001799	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	12/17/2010
<b>Claim Number:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>Application Received:</b>	11/24/2014
<b>Claims Administrator:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>Assignment Date:</b>	12/15/2014
<b>Provider Name:</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>Employee Name:</b>	[REDACTED]		
<b>Disputed Codes:</b>	ML102-95		

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 \$462.56 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$712.56. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$712.56 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,

Paul Manchester, M.D., M.P.H.  
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
- Med. Legal. OMFS Official Medical Fee Schedule

## 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 seeking remuneration for ML102-95 services for date of service 08/06/2014.
- Claims Administrator reimbursed \$162.00 of \$625.00 with the following rationale: “The **Official Medical Fee Schedule** does not list this code. An allowance has been made for a comparable service.”
- **OMFS ML102 definition:** “Basic Comprehensive Medical-Legal Evaluation. Includes all comprehensive medical-legal evaluations other than those included under ML 103 or ML 104.”
- **Modifier -95 definition:** Panel Qualified Medical Examiner – no change in fee.
- **ML102 is a valid and current code under OMFS.**
- Correspondence from the Claims Administrator to the Provider dated July 17, 2014 reflects agreement between both parties as the “Panel Qualified Medical Evaluator.”
- Aforementioned correspondence acknowledges “August 6, 2014” as date of exam.
- QME report indicates Medical Legal Evaluation performed
- Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursement is warranted for ML102-95.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: ML102-95**

<b>Date of Service 08/06/2014/</b>							
<b>Med Legal Services</b>							
<b>Service Code</b>	<b>Provider Billed</b>	<b>Plan Allowed</b>	<b>Dispute Amount</b>	<b>Assist Surgeon</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
ML102-95	\$625.00	\$162.44	\$462.56	N/A	1	\$625.00	\$462.56 Due Provider Refer to Analysis

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