
INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

April 23, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0000082	Date of Injury:	09/02/2011
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	01/20/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	99358 and 99080		

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,

Paul Manchester, MD MPH

Medical Director

cc: [REDACTED]
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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
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Other: OMFS Physician's 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:** The denial of CPT 99358 and 99080 for date of service 9/7/2013.
- Claims Administrator denied the billed CPT codes with the following explanation, "The charges represent unauthorized, self-procured medical treatment which was not necessary to cure or relieve the effects of an industrial injury."
- Provider submitted a report titled "Primary Treating Physician's Supplemental Report/Review of Medical Records."
- An authorization or request from the Claims Administrator was not submitted as part of the IBR documentation.
- The report does not meet the criteria for a separately reimbursable report.
- Without a copy of the authorization or certification for services, the IBR reviewer is unable to determine if services were authorized or self-procured.
- Reimbursement is not recommended for CPT 99358 and 99080.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 99358 and 99080.

Date of Service: 9/7/2013							
Physician Services							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Assist Surgeon	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
99358	\$ 1133.76	\$ 0.00	\$ 1133.76	N/A	N/A	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: See Analysis.
99080	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	N/A	N/A	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: See Analysis.

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