

INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

May 22, 2015

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| IBR Case Number: | CB15-0000299 | Date of Injury: | 07/24/2013 |
| Claim Number: | [REDACTED] | Application Received: | 03/03/2015 |
| Claims Administrator: | [REDACTED] | | |
| Assigned Date: | 03/30/2015 | | |
| Provider Name: | [REDACTED] | | |
| Employee Name: | [REDACTED] | | |
| Disputed Codes: | 99358, & 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: 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 \$195.00 for the review cost and \$673.76 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$868.76. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$868.76 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, MD, MPH
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

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 full remuneration for partial payment of 63042 Laminectomy Single Lumber Assistant Physician Services performed on 07/15/2014.**
- The Claims Administrator denied the service with the following rationale: “Charge Not Covered Per OMFS.”
- **CPT 99880 Special Reports. Title 8, CCR §9789.19** CPT 99080 is no longer used for Workers' Compensation Reports.
- **CPT Code 99358 Prolonged Services Without Contact. Title 8, CCR §9789.12.8** CPT Code 99358 has a status code "B" indicator in column D of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File. Status code "B" means: "Bundled Code" and “are considered subsumed by the payment for the services to which they are incident.” In this case, submitted Evaluation and Management service, 99205.
- **Pursuant to LC § 5307.11** – “the medical fee schedule shall not apply to the contracted reimbursement rates.” California State Assembly Bill 1177 amended the Labor Code effective January 1, 2002 to add §5307.11:
- **LC § 5307.11 states:** A health care provider or health facility licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, and a contracting agent, employer, or carrier may contract for reimbursement rates different from those in the fee schedule adopted and revised pursuant to Section 5307.1. When a health care provider or health facility licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, and a contracting agent, employer, or carrier contract for reimbursement rates different from those in the fee schedule, **the medical fee schedule for that health care provider or health facility licensed pursuant to Section**

