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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

September 24, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001448	Date of Injury:	03/06/2014
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	08/25/2015
Assignment Date:	09/14/2015		
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	09/23/2014 – 09/23/2014		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	WC007-30		

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 \$157.68 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$352.68. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **\$352.68** 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
- OMFS

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 WC007-30 Consultation Reports.**
- The Claims Administrator denied services as “included in the value of another service performed on the same day.”
- Modifier -30: Consultation reports requested by QME/AME
- Authorization for services reviewed, the request reflects the following:
 - EMG/NCV and Neurodiagnostic testing & Consult:
 - Bilateral Lower Extremities
 - Requested by PQME
- Communication from Legal Parties, dated 07/31/2014, confirms Referring Provider’s Status as PQME; Consult and Testing ordered as part as a contested claim.
- **§ 9789.12.12 Consultation Services Coding**, (b) Consultation reports are bundled into the underlying evaluation and management visit code, and are not separately payable, **except as specified in subdivision (c)**
 - **(c)(2)** Consultation reports requested by the Qualified Medical Evaluator (“QME”) or Agreed Medical Evaluator (“AME”) in the context of a medical-legal evaluation. Use WC007, **modifier -30**.
- Maximum of six pages absent mutual agreement WC007 - \$38.68 for first page \$23.80 each additional page. Maximum of six pages absent mutual agreement (\$157.68).
- **Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursement for WC007-30 is indicated.**

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: WC007-30

Date of Service: 09/23/2014 Physician Services						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
WC007	\$157.68	\$0.00	\$157.68	1	\$157.68	Refer to Analysis

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