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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

October 8, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001600	Date of Injury:	07/24/1995
Claim Number:	[redacted]	Application Received:	09/14/2015
Claims Administrator:	[redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	11/25/2014		
Provider Name:	[redacted]		
Employee Name:	[redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	J3490-KD (NDC 38779196806), J2275 (NCD 62991140305), and J3490-KD (NDC 38779052409)		

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 $1703.01 in additional reimbursement for a total of $1898.01. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **$1898.01** 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]

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
- Red Book

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 J3490-KD NDC 38779196806; J2275-62991140305; J3490-KD NDC 38779052409 for date of service **11/25/2014**.
- Claims Administrator reimbursed $423.85 of code J2275 with rational "This charge was adjusted to comply with the rate and rules of the contract indicated" and denied codes J3490 x 2 stating "This billed service has no allowance in fee schedule/UCR"
- Red Book indicates Bulk Package **NDC 38779-1968-06** Sufentanil **1 gram Powder**
- Red Book indicates Bulk Package **NDC 62991-1403-05** Morphine Sulfate **100 grams Powder**
- Red Book indicates Bulk Package **NDC 38779-0524-09** Bupivacaine **1000 grams Powder**
- Codes J3490 does not adequately represent documented medication as the reported NDC numbers reflect the **pharmaceuticals in powder** form and documentation reflects the medication is compounded in nature. As such, The NDCs and Metric Decimal Units (MDU) for **the grams of powder utilized** are considered for determination. Utilizing "per unit" for presented J codes would result in a higher dose of the actual medication represented in the documentation.
- **Labor Code 5307.1. (e) (2)** Any compounded drug product shall be billed by the compounding pharmacy or dispensing physician at the **ingredient level**, with each ingredient identified using the applicable National Drug Code (NDC) of the ingredient and the corresponding quantity, and in accordance with regulations adopted by the California State Board of Pharmacy. Ingredients with no NDC shall not be separately reimbursable. The ingredient-level reimbursement shall be equal to 100 percent of the reimbursement allowed

by the Medi-Cal payment system and payment shall be based on the sum of the allowable fee for each ingredient plus a dispensing fee equal to the dispensing fee allowed by the Medi-Cal payment systems. If the compounded drug product is dispensed by a physician, the maximum reimbursement shall not exceed 300 percent of documented paid costs, but in no case more than twenty dollars ($20) above documented paid costs.

- As reflected on medication label on the "**Intrathecal Pump Maintenance and Administration Record**," for Date of Service indicates **pharmacy dispensed** medication to Provider in compound form **Rx #803397** to be **administered** into implantable pump:
  - **NDC 38779-1968-06 Sufentanil Powder 1000mcg/ml**
  - **NDC 62991-1403-05 Morphine Sulfate 20 mg/ml**
  - **NDC 38779-0524-09 Bupivacaine 12mg/ml**
- The ingredients must then be converted into grams as the NDC's provided indicate bulk pricing per gram.
  - **NDC 38779-1968-06 Sufentanil Powder 1000mcg/ml = 0.0010 g**
  - **NDC 62991-1403-05 Morphine Sulfate 20 mg/ml = 0.02 g**
  - **NDC 38779-0524-09 Bupivacaine 12mg/ml = 0.01200000g**
- Grams of powder utilized and then compounded into one concentration by Pharmacy for a volume of **22mls**:
  - **NDC 38779-1968-06 Sufentanil Powder 0.022 grams powder product**
  - **NDC 62991-1403-05 Morphine Sulfate 0.44 grams powder product**
  - **NDC 38779-0524-09 Bupivacaine 0.264 grams of powder product**
- DWC Calculator resulted in the following (- dispensing fee):
  - **NDC 38779-1968-06 Sufentanil Powder 0.022 grams powder product**
  - **NDC 62991-1403-05 Morphine Sulfate 0.44 grams powder product**
  - **NDC 38779-0524-09 Bupivacaine 0.264 grams of powder product**
- Documentation indicates the Provider **administered** above compound into intrathecal pain pump. As such, one **injection fee** applies.
- **Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursed is warranted for compounded medication: J3490-KD NDC 38779196806; J3490-KD NDC 38779052409**
- Partial PPO contract received shows 5% PPO discount to be applied.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: J3490-KD NDC 38779196806, J2275-KD NDC 62991140305 & J3490-KD NDC 38779052409

Date of Service: 11/25/2014						
Pharmacy						
Service Code	**Provider Billed**	**Plan Allowed**	**Dispute Amount**	**Units**	**Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.**	**Notes**
J3490-KD NDC 38779196806; J2275-KD NDC 62991140305 J3490-KD NDC 38779052409	$16,750.00	$423.85	$2,222.84	1	$2,126.86	Compound Medication Allow $1703.01 due to Provider

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