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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

October 8, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001622	Date of Injury:	08/25/2010
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	09/15/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	11/20/2014		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	L8689		

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 \$1,908.90 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$2,103.90. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$2,103.90 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]

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
- Negotiated contracted rates: N/A
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)
- Other: Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies

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 is dissatisfied with denial of L8689, External recharging system for battery (internal) for use with implantable neurostimulator
- Claims Administrator denial rationale of L8689 “Rev Code 271 for non-surgical supplies is included in the APC payment rate”
- L8689 has a status indicator ‘A’ - Services furnished to a hospital outpatient that are paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS.
- Section 9789.60. Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies: For services, equipment, or goods provided after January 1, 2004, the maximum reasonable reimbursement for durable medical equipment, supplies and materials, orthotics, prosthetics, and miscellaneous supplies and services shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) percent of the rate set forth in the CMS’ Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics/Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule, as established by Section 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395m) and applicable to California.
- Operative Report submitted documents service for L8689 on date of service 11/20/2014.
- Based on aforementioned guidelines, reimbursement of L8689 is warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code L8689

Date of Service: 11/20/2014					
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
L8689	\$102,509.85	\$3,1754.23	\$1,908.90	\$1,908.90	DISPUTED SERVICE: Allow reimbursement \$1,908.90

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