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**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

October 8, 2015

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| IBR Case Number:      | CB15-0001625            | Date of Injury:       | 05/06/20015 |
| Claim Number:         | [REDACTED]              | Application Received: | 09/15/2015  |
| Claims Administrator: | [REDACTED]              |                       |             |
| Date(s) of service:   | 05/06/2015              |                       |             |
| Provider Name:        | [REDACTED]              |                       |             |
| Employee Name:        | [REDACTED]              |                       |             |
| Disputed Codes:       | 70450, 70486, and 72125 |                       |             |

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 \$488.71 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$683.71. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$683.71 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
- Negotiated contracted rates: N/A
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

## 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 codes 70450, 70486, and 72125
- Claims Administrator's denial rationale "This is a packaged item. Services or procedures included in the APC rate, but not paid separately"
- Section 9789.32. Applicability. (a) Sections 9789.30 through 9789.39 shall be applicable to the maximum allowable fees for emergency room visits and surgical procedures rendered on or after July 1, 2004 and before September 1, 2014. Sections 9789.30 through 9789.39 shall be applicable to the maximum allowable fees for emergency room visits, surgical procedures, and Facility Only Services rendered on or after September 1, 2014. For purposes of this section, emergency room visits and surgical procedures shall be de-fined by HCPCS codes set forth in section 9789.39(b) by date of service. A facility fee is payable only for the specified emergency room, surgical codes, Facility Only Services, and for supplies, drugs, devices, blood products and biologicals that are an integral part of the emergency room visit, surgical procedure, or Facility Only Service. A **supply, drug, device, blood product and biological** is considered an integral part of an emergency room visit, surgical procedure, or Facility Only Service.
- (B) For Other Services rendered on or after September 1, 2014 to hospital outpatients, the maximum allowable hospital outpatient facility fees shall be paid according to the OMFS

RBRVS. (i) If the Other Service has a Professional Component/Technical Component under the OMFS RBRVS, the **hospital outpatient facility fee shall be the Technical Component amount determined according to the OMFS RBRVS**

- ED Notes submitted documents services for 70450, 70486, and 72125.
- Based on aforementioned and guidelines, reimbursement of 70450, 70486, and 72125 is warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of codes 70450, 70486, and 72125

| Date of Service: 05/06/2015 |                 |              |                |                            |   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|---|
| Service Code                | Provider Billed | Plan Allowed | Dispute Amount | Workers' Comp Allowed Amt. | Notes   |
| 70450, 70486, and 72125     | \$11,518.92     | \$439.42     | \$646.85       | \$488.71                   | <b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> Allow reimbursement \$488.71 |

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