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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

October 13, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001639	Date of Injury:	03/02/2009
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	09/17/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	04/10/2014		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	63685, 63650, 63650-59		

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 \$27,636.03 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$27,831.03. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$27,831.03 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: PPO Contract
- 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 reimbursement of codes 63685, 63650 and 63650-59.
- Claims Administrator reimbursement rationale “Allowance was reduced as per contractual agreement” and “This charge was adjusted to comply with the rate and rules of the contract indicated”
- PPO contract received documents “the lesser of (i) ninety-nine (99%) percent of the fee under the state or federal workers’ compensation fee schedule, as applicable, or (ii) seventy (70%) percent of Facility’s billed charges”
- Pursuant Section 9789.33. Determination of Maximum Reasonable Fee: For services rendered on or after September 1, 2014, APC relative weight x adjusted conversion factor x 1.212 workers’ compensation multiplier, pursuant to Section 9789.30(aa). See Section 9789.39(b) for the APC relative weight by date of service.
- Opportunity for Claims Administrator to Dispute Eligibility letter was sent on 9/22/2015. A response from Claims Administrator was not received for this review.
- Based on guidelines and PPO contract received, additional reimbursement of 63685, 63650 and 63650-59 is warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of codes 63685, 63650 and 63650-59.

Date of Service: 04/10/2015					
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
63685, 63650, 63650-59.	\$61,042.67	\$6,692.40	\$27,636.03	\$34,328.43	DISPUTED SERVICE: Allow reimbursement \$27,636.03

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