

INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

October 20, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001702	Date of Injury:	05/11/2015
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	09/23/2015
Assignment Date:	10/13/2015		
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	05/11/2015 – 05/11/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	74177		

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 \$403.43 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$598.43. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **\$598.43** 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
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)
- Other: OMFS Outpatient Hospital Fee Schedule

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 CPT 74177 performed on 05/11/2015.**
- Provider billed the procedure codes as part of hospital service on a UB04 with bill type 131.
- Claims administrator denied reimbursement as “not paid under OPPS.”
- CPT 74177 has assigned status indicator Q3.
- § 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..... (2) Depending on date of service, payment for other services furnished in conjunction with a surgical procedure, emergency room visit, or Facility Only Service, shall be in accordance with subdivision (c) of this Section....(c)(1)(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.

- Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursement is indicated for the Technical Component of CPT 74177.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: 74177

Date of Service 05/11/2015						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
74177	\$4973.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 403.43	N/A	\$403.43	Refer to Analysis

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