

**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

October 26, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001747	Date of Injury:	07/15/2009
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	09/22/2015
Assignment Date:	10/16/2015		
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	10/08/2014 – 10/08/2014		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	J7324-RT and J7324-LT		

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: UPHOLD. MAXIMUS Federal Services has determined that no additional reimbursement is warranted. The Claims Administrator’s determination is upheld and the Claim Administrator does not owe the Provider additional reimbursement. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

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]  
[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
- Red Book
- OMFS

## **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 J7324-RT and J7324-LT provided to Injured Worker on 10/08/2015.**
- The Claims Administrator’s reimbursement rational as follows: “Charge Exceeds... Pharmacy Fees for Workers’ Compensation prescriptions.”
- CMS 1500 form indicates NDC 5967603600 x 1 unit **each** utilized for joint injection.
- Red Book Indicates: NDC 5967603600, Orthovisc, 2ml’s.
- PR-2 Report reflects: “2cc or (of) Orthovisc was injected to the bilateral knees, “indicating 2mls/cc’s utilized = **1cc** per knee joint.
- CMS 1500 indicates NDC 5967603600 1 unit each, equating to 4 ml’s/cc’s, conflicting with documented NDC 5967603600 usage of 2cc’s/ml’s @ 1cc per knee joint.
- The reimbursement by the Claims Administrator reflects reimbursement for 2 cc’s of NDC 5967603600 as documented in the PR-2 Report.
- **Based on the documentation and guidelines, additional reimbursement is not indicated.**

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

### DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: J7324-RT and J7324-LT

<b>Date of Service:</b> 10/08/2015						
Pharmacy						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers’ Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
J7324-RT	\$252.75	\$169.91	\$82.84	1	\$163.91	<b>Refer to Analysis</b>
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