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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

November 2, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001812	Date of Injury:	12/20/2005
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	10/05/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	06/18/2015		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	99204 and 95887		

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 \$88.05 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$283.05. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **\$283.05** 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, 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
- AMA CPT
- 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 add-on Code 95887 Needle electromyography, non-extremity (cranial nerve supplied or axial) muscle(s) done with nerve conduction, amplitude and latency/velocity study (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure) and 99204-25, significant, separately identifiable Evaluation and Management service performed on 06/18/2015.**
- Claims Administrator denied 99204-25 indicating on the Explanation of Review “No separate payment was made because the value of the service is included within the value of another service performed on the same day”
- Provider billed 99204 with modifier -25, significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service by the same physician on the same day of the procedure or other service.
- Report submitted documents a patient complaint and minimal exam along with Provider’s narrative of electrodiagnostic study, NCV & EMG findings.
- Documentation does not support a “Separate and Significant” evaluation and management service on date of service 6/18/2015.
- Reimbursement of 99204-25 is not warranted.
- CPT Assistant 2014, Code 95887 is intended to be used per site tested. Sites recognized are unilateral cervical, thoracic, paraspinal muscles, abdominal muscles and lumbar paraspinal muscles (these paraspinal muscles without needle EMG examination of corresponding limb muscles)
- Documentation reflects the following:
 - 95887 performed in connection with billed and reimbursed Parent Code 95913.

- Electronic Report located on page 4 of the submitted visit documentation.
- Right and Left Thor Paraspinal Muscles.
- **95887 AMA CPT Assist:** 95887 can also be used for examining **non-limb (axial)** muscles (e.g., intercostal, abdominal wall, cervical, thoracic and lumbar paraspinal muscles (unilateral or bilateral) regardless of the number of levels tested. However, it should not be billed when the paraspinal muscles corresponding to extremity are tested, and when the extremity codes 95860, 95861, 95863, or 95864 are reported.
- Reimbursement is warranted for 95887.
- **Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursement for 95887 is warranted.**
- EOR received reflects a 15% PPO discount to be applied to reimbursement.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: 95887

Date of Service: 06/18/2015						
Physician Services						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
95887	\$180.12	\$0.00	\$103.59	1	\$88.05	Refer To Analysis

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