
INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

November 6, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001858	Date of Injury:	04/10/2008
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	10/08/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	04/29/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	WC004		

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
- 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 WC004 Primary Treating Physician Permanent and Stationary Reports for date of service 04/29/2015.**
- The Claims Administrator denied the service with the following rationale: "The charge was denied as the report/documentation does not indicate that the service was performed."
- WC004: Primary Treating Physician's Permanent and Stationary Report (Form PR-4).
- Page 1 of Internal Medicine Consultation Discharge Report states "The patient presents today, April 29, 2015, for an office follow-up visit, as well as reexamination."
- Page 3 under the heading "Diagnosis" indicates the Provider is not the Primary Treating Physician: "The patient will follow-up with the primary treating physician."
- An Authorization for Permanent and Stationary Status would indicate referral to Provider for a follow-up Consultation.
- Exhaustive search for Authorization from Claims Administrator regarding WC004 Services could not be located for the IBR process.
- WC004 is utilized by the Primary Treating Physician.
- **§ 9785. Reporting Duties of the Primary Treating Physician.**
 - 1) The "primary treating physician" is the physician who is primarily responsible for managing the care of an employee, and who has examined the employee at **least once for the purpose of rendering or prescribing treatment and has monitored the effect of the treatment thereafter**. The primary treating physician is the physician selected by the employer or the employee pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with section 4600) of

Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Labor Code, or under the contract or procedures applicable to a Health Care Organization certified under section 4600.5 of the Labor Code.

2) (2) A "secondary physician" is any physician other than the primary treating physician who examines or provides treatment to the employee, **but is not primarily responsible for continuing management of the care of the employee.**

- Mutual agreement for reimbursement of reports or consultation reports not submitted for IBR.
- Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, the Provider is Secondary to the Primary Treating Physician, as such, WC004 does not apply.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: WC004

Date of Service: 04/29/2015						
In Patient Hospital						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
WC004	\$317.88	\$0.00	\$158.94	6	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis

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