

**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

November 18, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001961	Date of Injury:	03/29/2013
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	09/18/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	06/03/2015		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	99215 and WC002		

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 additional \$190.60 for a total of \$385.60. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **\$385.60** 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]  
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## 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 99215 Evaluation and Management and WC002 Primary Treating Physician Report submitted for date of service 06/03/2015.**
- The Claims Administrator's denied reimbursement due to unauthorized services.
- The Provider is the Primary Treating Physician. Status verified by January 17, 2014 letter to Claims Administrator from Applicant's Attorney.
- As the designated Primary Treating Physician, authorization for follow-up visits are not required.
- Title 8 Section 9785: (8) when continuing medical treatment is provided, a progress report shall be made no later than forty-five days from the last report of any type under this section even if no event described in paragraphs (1) to (7) has occurred. If an examination has occurred, the report shall be signed and transmitted within 20 days of the examination. Except for a response to a request for information made pursuant to subdivision (f)(7), reports required under this subdivision shall be submitted on the "Primary Treating Physician's Progress Report" form (Form PR-2) contained in Section 9785.2, or in the form of a narrative report
- Opportunity to Dispute communicated to Claims Administrator on 10/22/2015. A response from Claims Administrator was not received for this review.
- Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursement for Evaluation and Management 99215 & WC002 is warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: WC002 & 99215**

<b>Date of Service:</b> 06/03/2015 Physician Services						
<b>Service Code</b>	<b>Provider Billed</b>	<b>Plan Allowed</b>	<b>Dispute Amount</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
WC002	\$15.61	\$0.00	\$15.61	1	\$12.01	<b>OMFS</b>
99215	\$232.17	\$0.00	\$232.17	1	\$178.59	<b>OMFS</b>

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