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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

December 2, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0002048	Date of Injury:	05/11/2015
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	11/06/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	08/11/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	99354 and 99355		

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
- Official Medical 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 Prolonged Services with Face-to-Face Contact, 99354 (parent code) and 99355 (add-on) performed on **08/11/2015**.
- Claims Administrator denied service with the following rational:
 - 99354 & 99355: "Documentation provided does not justify payment for a Prolonged Evaluation and Management service."
- **MLN Matters Document MM597** - Prolonged Services with Direct Face-to-Face Patient Contact Service Documentation is required in the medical record about the duration and content of the medically necessary evaluation and management service and prolonged services billed. The medical record must be appropriately and sufficiently documented by the physician or qualified NPP to show that the physician or qualified NPP personally furnished the direct face-to-face time with the patient specified in the CPT code definitions. **The start and end times of the visit shall be documented in the medical record** along with the date of service.
- Provider's Report indicates total time spent on tasks. Actual start and end relating to 99354 and 99355 is not indicated. Without a start and end time, the actual time spent on specific codes 99354 & 99355 cannot be determined. As such, reimbursement is Upheld.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: 99354 & 99355

Date of Service: 08/11/2015							
Physician Services							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Assist Surgeon	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
99354	\$120.98	\$0.00	\$120.98	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
99355	\$117.23	\$0.00	\$117.23	N/A	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis

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