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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

December 8, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0002079	Date of Injury:	02/03/2015
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	11/13/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	07/20/2015, 07/22/2015 & 07/29/2015		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	97140		

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 \$50.06 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$245.06. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **\$245.06** 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).

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 97140 Manual therapy techniques (eg, mobilization/ manipulation, manual lymphatic drainage, manual traction), 1 or more regions, each 15 minutes performed on dates of service 07/20/2015, 07/22/2015 & 07/29/2015.**
- Service denied by Claims Administrator as “Mutually exclusive procedures.”
- Provider billed code along with 98940 on a CMS 1500 form for all three dates of service.
- As pair code does exist between 97140 and 98940, modifier indicator column shows ‘1’ which states that if an approved modifier is appended to the column 2 code, and documentation supports billed code, then the edit may be overridden.
- Provider appended approved modifier ‘XS’ - Separate Structure, A service that is distinct because it was performed on a separate organ/structure, to column 2 code 97140.
- Progress notes document service 97140 as myofascial release to the forearm and CMT to T1.
- Documentation supports services performed.
- Opportunity to Dispute sent to Claims Administrator on 11/16/2015; response not yet received.
- Based on the aforementioned documentation, reimbursement is indicated for 97140 x 3.
- EOR received reflects a 10% PPO discount to be applied to reimbursement.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: 97140

Date of Service: 07/20/2015, 07/22/2015 & 07/29/2015							
Physician Services							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Assist Surgeon	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
97140	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	N/A	3	\$50.06	\$50.06 Due to Provider

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