

INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

December 17, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0002155	Date of Injury:	06/02/2012
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	11/23/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	05/27/2015 – 05/27/2015		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	36415, 80048-L1, and 85025-L1		

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]
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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 36415, 80048-L1, and 85025-L1 laboratory services performed on 05/27/2015.**
- EOR's indicate services denied as services not authorized.
- IBR Application indicates services performed for pre-operative measures.
- Communication from Claims Administrator dated December 3, 2015 states services were denied based on "absence of Pre-Certification /Authorization."
- Laboratory Order indicates lab ordered for "Pre-Op" by a Physician.
- An incomplete "PR-2," was submitted for review. The form is incomplete and does not reflect the full patient encounter or schedule surgery; only the header of the PR-2 form was submitted.
- Documentation reflecting approval of surgery not submitted for IBR.
- Documentation reflecting approval for laboratory services not submitted for IBR.
- Based on the aforementioned documentation, reimbursement is not supported for 36415, 80048-L1, and 85025-L1.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: 36415, 80048-L1, and 85025-L1

Date of Service: 05/27/2015 HOPPS						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
36415	\$1,825.00	\$0.00	\$3.60	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
80048-L1	\$3,850.00	\$0.00	\$13.81	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis
85025-L1	\$3,250.00	\$0.00	\$12.70	1	\$0.00	Refer to Analysis

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