

**MAXIMUS FEDERAL SERVICES, INC.**

Independent Bill Review  
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**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

December 22, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0002207	Date of Injury:	08/13/2007
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	11/30/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	07/06/2015 – 07/06/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	WC007-32		

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 \$157.68 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$352.68. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **\$352.68** 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]  
[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

## 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 WC007-32 Consultation Reports Requested by ) Consultation reports requested by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board or the Administrative Director for date of service 07/06/2015.**
- The Claims Administrator denied service in full as included in the value of another service performed on the same day.
- Communication from Claims Administrator, dated June 1y, 2015, addressed to the Provider indicates, “has authorization to prepare a narrative evaluation report...”
  - Rate of reimbursement not indicated on authorization.
- Although California Specific Code WC007 indicates request by Appeals Board or the Administrative Director, the authorization provided indicates the Claims Administrator’s request for reports and warrants reimbursement.
- A mutual fee agreement pertaining to reports was not submitted for IBR.
- WC007 - \$38.68 for first page, \$23.80 each additional page. **Maximum** of six pages absent mutual agreement (**\$157.68**).
- **Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursement is indicated for the maximum allowable for California Specific Code WC007-32.**

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: WC007-32**

<b>Date of Service:</b> 07/06/2015							
<b>Provider Services</b>							
<b>Service Code</b>	<b>Provider Billed</b>	<b>Plan Allowed</b>	<b>Dispute Amount</b>	<b>Assist Surgeon</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
WC007 -30	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	N/A	1	\$157.68	<b>Refer to Analysis</b>

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