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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

June 22, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0000520	Date of Injury:	07/11/2014
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	04/06/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date Assigned:	5/4/2015		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	E1399 RR		

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, MD, MPH
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
- Negotiated contracted rates:
- National Correct Coding Initiatives

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 is dissatisfied with reimbursement of code E1399
- Claims Administrator reimbursed \$63.70 indicating “Based on the submitted invoice, the cost of purchase for this item is \$2230.00. Our recommendation is based 10 months of rental for a life time for a purchase item which we considered reasonableness and our calculation as follow(s):\$2230.00: 10 = \$223/month :30=\$7.43/Day (7.43/day x 7 days) + 20% = \$62.41. Our recommendation was \$63.70 which is greater than the amount showing above.”
- Provider requested a rental of E1399 for 21 days. Claims Administrator certified 7 days of rental for the Q-Tech Therapy System.
- The formulas for establishing fair and reasonable fees and charges for separately reimbursable supplies and materials are: Supplies and materials other than dispensed durable medical equipment: cost (purchase price plus sales tax) plus 20% of cost up to a maximum of cost plus \$15.00 not to exceed the provider’s usual and customary charge for the item.
- Delivery Ticket submitted shows a Qty of 1 Rental Q-Tech Therapy System to be delivered to the patient’s house. Account History Invoice #55908 submitted shows Qty 7 for Q-Tech Therapy System. Documentation does not support a sales purchase invoice as information is lacking such as the sales tax and shipping. Sales purchase invoice the

