

**MAXIMUS FEDERAL SERVICES, INC.**

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

June 24, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0000562	Date of Injury:	12/15/2014
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	04/14/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date Assigned:	5/14/2015		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	DRG 481		

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 \$3578.57 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$3773.57. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$3773.57 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, 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 DRG 481
- Claims Administrator reimbursed \$17080.96 indicating on the Explanation of Review “The charge exceeds the Official Medical Fee Schedule Allowance. The charge has been adjusted to the scheduled allowance”
- \$9789.22 Payment of Inpatient Hospital Services: (a)
- Unless otherwise provided by applicable provisions of this fee schedule, the maximum payment for inpatient medical services shall be determined by multiplying 1.20 by the product of the hospital’s composite factor and the applicable DRG weight and by making any adjustments required by this fee schedule. The fee determined under this subdivision shall be a global fee, constituting the maximum reimbursement to a hospital for inpatient medical services not exempted under this section. However, preadmission services rendered by a hospital more than 24 hours before admission are separately reimbursable.
- Based on information reviewed, additional reimbursement of DRG 481 is warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of DRG 481**

<b>Date of Service: 12/15/2014 – 12/19/2014</b>							
<b>Inpatient Services</b>							
<b>Service Code</b>	<b>Provider Billed</b>	<b>Plan Allowed</b>	<b>Dispute Amount</b>	<b>Assist Surgeon</b>	<b>Multiple Surgery</b>	<b>Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
DRG 481	\$60753.00	\$17080.96	\$43672.04	N/A	N/A	\$20659.53	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> Allow reimbursement \$3578.57

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