

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
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- OMFS Outpatient Hospital and ASC 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: The Provider is seeking reimbursement for CPT 29820-LT-22, 29805-LT-51-59, 23700 LT-59-51 and 64450-LT-51.**
- Additional reimbursement is not recommended based on the findings.
- CPT 29820 is a code pair with CPT 29824. CPT 29824 is a more extensive procedure and includes the services escribed CPT 29820. Reimbursement is not recommended for CPT 29820. Provider appended a modifier 22. Modifier is not applicable to 29820 in this setting (Outpatient Hospital Services).
- HCPCS/CPT code29805 is designated as a "separate procedure". Therefore, if it is reported with HCPCS/CPT codes 29824 and 29826, HCPCS/CPT code 29805 is bundled into HCPCS/CPT codes 29824 and 29826.
- CPT 23700 is not generally reported with CPT 29820, 29824 or 29826. Many procedures that are typically necessary to complete a more comprehensive procedure have been assigned independent HCPCS/CPT codes because they may be performed independently in other settings. The service described by HCPCS/CPT 23700 is typically included when performing the procedure described by HCPCS/CPT codes: 29820, 29824 and 29826 and is therefore bundled into HCPCS/CPT 29805, 29824 and 29826. Operative Report did

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not describe a separate anatomic site, other than the left shoulder. Reimbursement is not recommended for CPT 23700.

- HCPCS/CPT codes have been written as precisely as possible to not only describe a specific procedure but to also avoid describing similar procedures which are already defined by other HCPCS/CPT codes. When a HCPCS/CPT code is reported, the physician or non-physician provider must have performed all of the services noted in the descriptor unless the descriptor states otherwise. (Occasionally, a HCPCS/CPT code descriptor will identify certain services that may or may not be included.) A HCPCS/CPT code should not be reported out of the context for which it was intended. When the procedure described by HCPCS/CPT code 64450 is reported with the procedure described by HCPCS/CPT codes 23700, 29805, 29820, 29824 and 29826, reporting the former code (64450) represents a misuse of this code, and separate payment is not allowed. Reimbursement is not recommended for CPT 64450.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement is not recommended for CPT 29820-LT-22, 29805-LT-51-59, 23700 LT-59-51 and 64450-LT-51.

Date of Service 09/23/2014						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
29820-LT-22	\$ 9875.00	\$0.00	\$ 1822.60	N/A	\$ 0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: See Analysis.
29805-LT-51-59	\$4750.00	\$0.00	\$991.87	N/A	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: See Analysis.
23700-LT-59-51	\$1500.00	\$0.00	\$991.87	N/A	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: See Analysis.
64450-LT-51	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	N/A	\$0.00	DISPUTED SERVICE: See Analysis.
29824-LT-51-59	\$4750.00	\$1735.33	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOT A DISPUTED CODE
29826-LT-51-59	\$4750.00	\$867.66	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOT A DISPUTED CODE

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