
INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

July 10, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0000797	Date of Injury:	11/13/2008
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	05/18/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	10/23/2014		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	99204 and 95913		

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 \$191.11 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$386.11. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$386.11 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 denial of code 99204-25 and reimbursement of 95913
- Prescription for Provider dated 10/16/2014 for EMG/NCV Neurodiagnostic testing and consultation report of bilateral upper and lower extremities was submitted for review.
- Claims Administrator denied code 99204-25 indicating on the Explanation of Review “No reimbursement was made for the E/M service as the documentation does not support a separate significant, identifiable E&M service performed with other services provided on the same day.”
- Provider’s report submitted documents History, Exam and Medical Decision Making of a 99204 and is billed with modifier -25 to distinguish a separate E&M service was performed.
- Reimbursement of 99204-25 is warranted.
- Claims Administrator reimbursed code 95913 as 95912 indicating on the Explanation of Review “Recommendation of payment has been based on a procedure code which best describes services rendered”
- Provider performed 14 nerve conduction studies showing computerized findings for each study. Motor Summary Table shows separate tests were performed on the same ulnar nerve. Per description of Nerve Conduction Studies: Each nerve conduction study is reported only once per nerve even when multiple sites of the same nerve are studied.

- Based on documentation reviewed, reimbursement of 95913 is not warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 99204-25

Date of Service: 10/23/2014							
Physician Services							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
99204-25	\$354.10	\$0.00	\$191.11	1	N/A	\$191.11	DISPUTED SERVICE: Allow reimbursement \$191.11

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