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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

July 20, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0000979	Date of Injury:	05/03/2013
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	06/15/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	02/03/2015		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	20611		

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 \$146.74 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$341.74. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$341.74 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
- Other: January 1, 2014 Orders of the Acting Administrative Director January 1, 2014 – February 15, 2015 update.

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 20611-Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection, major joint or bursa (eg, shoulder, hip, knee, subacromial bursa); with ultrasound guidance, with permanent recording and reporting
- Claims Administrator denied code indicating on the Explanation of Review “The Official Medical Fee Schedule does not list this code. An allowance has been made for a comparable service”. Claims Administrator changed code 20611 to 99918 which is a deleted code.
- Per Orders of the Acting Administrative Director January 1, 2014 – February 15, 2015, Physician services in an office setting, date of service submitted for this review does not fall under the Official 2015 Regulations but the 2014.
- A more appropriate comparable code for 20611 would be 20610 for the injection and 76942 for the ultrasound guidance.
- Provider’s report submitted documents the Right Shoulder Corticosteroid injection with Diagnostic Sonosite Ultrasound needle guidance.
- Based on documentation reviewed, reimbursement of needle injection with Ultrasound guidance is warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 20610 as 20601 & 76942

Date of Service: 02/03/20105							
Physician Services							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
20601 & 76942	\$503.00	\$0.00	\$146.74	1	N/A	\$146.74	DISPUTED SERVICE: Allow reimbursement \$146.74

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