

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
- AMA CTP 2014
- Med Legal Official Medical 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: Provider seeking remuneration for ML104-95 Evaluation, performed on Injured Workker 03/06/2015.**
- 2nd EOR 05/27/2015 The Claims Administrator reimbursed the Provider for 56 of 64 billed units for ML104 and 2 units of 96101 with objection to charges as being in “excess of the amounts authorized in §5307.1.”
- **96101 Code Description:** Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, eg, mmpi, rorschach, wais), **per hour** of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report
- CMS 1500 reflects **ML104 x 64 units & 96101 x 2 units.**
- Page 2 of the PQM Report states the following regarding time spent on ML104:

“Time spent in face-to-face with the patient was **4 hours**. Time spent reeiwong records was **2 hours**. Time spent on sphysiological stesting, MMPE-2-RF was 2 hours. Time Speent in preparing the report was **10 hours**. Total time spent on this cas was 18 hours.”
- Page 2 of the PQM Report states the following regarding time spent on 96101:

