

**MAXIMUS FEDERAL SERVICES, INC.**

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**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

August 28, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001239	Date of Injury:	07/24/2012
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	07/29/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	12/29/2014		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	0232T-RT		

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 \$1800.00 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$1995.00. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$1995.00 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: 90% of Provider's Billed Charges per PPO Contract.
- 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 0232T
- Claims Administrator denied code indicating on the Explanation of Review "The charge exceeds the Official Medical Fee Schedule allowance. The charge has been adjusted to the scheduled allowance"
- Documentation dated 12/02/2014 indicates "Treatment Requested: PRP injection", "Treatment Authorized/Approved: PRP injection", "Frequency/Duration: 01", "Body Part: right knee" and signed by the authorized claims administrator.
- Primary Treating Physician's Progress Report (PR-2) submitted documents "1. Platelet-rich plasma injection to the right knee administered today" for date of service 12/29/14.
- PPO contract received indicates under "Appendix B II Workers' Compensation Product: B. Reimbursement for services that are billed with a procedure code for which there is no assigned value for that Product as outlined above shall be reimbursed at 90% of Provider's billed charges"
- Based on information reviewed, reimbursement of 0232T is warranted.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 0232T

<b>Date of Service:</b> 12/29/2104						
<b>Physician Services</b>						
<b>Service Code</b>	<b>Provider Billed</b>	<b>Plan Allowed</b>	<b>Dispute Amount</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
0232T	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	1	\$1,800.00	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE:</b> Allow reimbursement \$1800.00 per PPO contract

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