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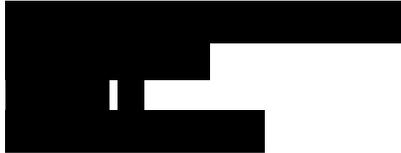
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**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

January 4, 2016



IBR Case Number:	CB15-0002257	Date of Injury:	09/03/2014
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	12/10/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	01/13/2015 – 01/13/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	36415, 80048, 85025, and 81003		

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 \$33.78 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$228.78. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **\$228.78** 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,

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Medical Director

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## 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
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)
- Other: OMFS Outpatient Hospital 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 CPT 36415, 80048, 85025, and 81003 performed on 01/13/2015.**
- Provider billed the procedure codes as part of hospital service on a UB04 with bill type 131.
- Claims administrator denied reimbursement for billed laboratory tests.
- **Title 8 CCR 9789.32(c)** The maximum allowable fees for services, drugs and supplies furnished by hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers that do not meet the requirements in (a) for a facility fee payment and are not bundled in the APC payment rate for services in (a) will be determined as follows: (4) The maximum allowable fee for clinical diagnostic tests shall be determined according to Section **9789.50**.
- **CCR § 9789.50 (a)** Pathology and Laboratory: Effective for services after January 1, 2004, the maximum reasonable fees for pathology and laboratory services shall not exceed one hundred twenty (**120**) percent of the rate for the same procedure code in the CMS' Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Schedule
- The medical record substantiated the billed CPT codes: 36415, 80048, 85025, and 81003
- The Lab Record documented final test results for initial and redraw of lab work and urinalysis.
- **Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursement is indicated for submitted laboratory procedure codes pursuant to § 9789.50.**

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: 36415, 80048, 85025, and 81003**

<b>Date of Service 1/13/2015</b>						
<b>Service Code</b>	<b>Provider Billed</b>	<b>Plan Allowed</b>	<b>Dispute Amount</b>	<b>Multiple Surgery</b>	<b>Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
36415	\$39.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3.60	N/A	\$3.60	<b>Refer to Analysis</b>
80048	\$276.00	\$0.00	\$13.81	N/A	\$13.81	<b>Refer to Analysis</b>
85025	\$146.00	\$0.00	\$12.70	N/A	\$12.70	<b>Refer to Analysis</b>
81003	\$57.00	\$0.00	\$3.67	N/A	\$3.67	<b>Refer to Analysis</b>

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