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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

January 11, 2016

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0002272	Date of Injury:	11/15/2014
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	12/11/2015
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	06/22/2015 – 06/22/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	99204		

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 \$64.76 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$259.76. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **\$259.76** 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, M.D., M.P.H.
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
- OMFS

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 99204 New Patient Evaluation submitted for date of service 06/22/2015.**
- The Claims Administrator down-coded service to 99214 due to status as an established patient.
- IBR Application and SBR indicates the Injured Worker's first visit to the Provider was 06/22/2015.
- Consultation Report indicates the Injured Worker was referred to Provider by a Spine Specialist in the same practice for pain management.
- Medicare's NPI Data Base indicates both Providers treat patients in the same facility. However, the taxonomy codes reflect different specialties; **A New Patient evaluation is indicated** as the specialties are not identical.
- Consultation report reviewed for 99204; Criteria Met noting high risk medications prescribed.
- Contractual Agreement not submitted for IBR.
- Opportunity to Dispute communicated to Claims Administrator on 12/15/2015; response not yet received.
- EOR Indicates 95% OMFS.
- **Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursement is indicated for 99204.**

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: L1832

Date of Service: 06/22/2015 Physician Services						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
99204	\$201.77	\$128.94	\$72.83	1	\$193.70	\$64.76 Due Provider Refer to Analysis

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