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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

January12, 2016

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0002274	Date of Injury:	06/08/2015
Claim Number:	[redacted]	Application Received:	12/15/2015
Claims Administrator:	[redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	08/05/2015		
Provider Name:	[redacted]		
Employee Name:	[redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	99070 x 5, 01464-P1, 27658-LT, 27675-LT, 27698-LT, 29898, 29898-LT, A6545, J1100, J1885, J3010, J7120, and J8499		

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 $16,953.28 in additional reimbursement for a total of $17,148.28. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **$17,148.28** 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]

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
- PPO Contract

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 additional Contractual remuneration for billed services 99070 x 5, 01464-P1, 27658-LT, 27675-LT, 27698-LT, 29898, 29898-LT, A6545, J1100, J1885, J3010, J7120, and J8499 performed on 08/05/2010.**
- The Claims Administrator based reimbursement on "Pricing reductions due to MPN."
- Itemized Services presented on UB-04, Bill Type "851," Ambulatory Surgery, Intermediate Care, Level I.
- Exempt from OMFS includes any and all services.
- Partial Contractual Agreement Submitted for IBR indicates "Amendment to the Contract" dated October 11, 2005 and documents "20% discount from billed charges." Additionally, "lesser of the Contract rate, billed charges, or the amount payable under guidelines established under any state law or regulation pertaining to a health care services rendered for occupationally ill/injured employees."
- Opportunity to Dispute Eligibility sent to Claims Administrator on 12/16/2015; response not yet received.
- **LC §5307.11**: A health care provider or health facility licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, and a contracting agent, employer, or carrier may contract for reimbursement rates different from those in the fee schedule adopted and revised pursuant to Section 5307.1. When a health care provider or health facility licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, and a contracting agent, employer, or carrier contract for reimbursement rates different from those in the fee schedule, the medical fee schedule for that health care provider or health facility licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code shall not apply to the contracted reimbursement rates. Except as provided in

subdivision (b) of Section 5307.1, the official medical fee schedule shall establish maximum reimbursement rates for all medical services for injuries subject to this division provided by a health care provider or health care facility licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code other than those specified in contracts subject to this section.

- Provider's OMFS exemption status defaults to reimbursement of 100 % of billed charges or, if applicable, a Contractual Obligation **pursuant to LC §5307.11**
- **Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, additional reimbursement is indicated for billed codes in accordance with existing Contractual Agreement between the Provider and the Claims Administrator.**

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

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Date of Service: 08/05/2015 HOPPS					
Service Code	**Provider Billed**	**Plan Allowed**	**Dispute Amount**	**Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.**	**Notes**
99070 x 5, 01464-P1, 27658-LT, 27675-LT, 27698-LT, 29898, 29898-LT, A6545, J1100, J1885, J3010, J7120, and J8499	$30,384.00	$7,353.92	$16,953.28	$24,307.20	**$16,953.28 Due Provider Refer to Analysis**

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