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**INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION**

March 22, 2016

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IBR Case Number:	CB16-0000328	Date of Injury:	04/22/2015
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	02/26/2016
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	10/20/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	29881-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: UPHOLD. MAXIMUS Federal Services has determined that no additional reimbursement is warranted. The Claims Administrator’s determination is upheld and the Claim Administrator does not owe the Provider additional reimbursement. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.**

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

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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
- 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 additional remuneration for 29881 performed on 10/20/2015.**
- The Claims Administrator reimbursement rational based on: “this charge was adjusted to comply with the rate and rules of the contract indicated.”
- UB04, Place of service “131.”
- Provider States “90%” OMFS.
- A copy of the contract was not submitted for review.
- Provider does not dispute a PPO contract existence.
- **As Claims Administrator reimbursed according to a PPO contract agreement, and Provider does not dispute a contract exists between the two, without a copy of the contract to review IBR is unable to determine if additional reimbursement is warranted for 29881.**
- **Reimbursement of 29881 is upheld.**

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: 29881**

<b>Date of Service:</b> 10/20/2015 HOPPS						
<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>
29881	\$13,115.00	\$1,884.02	\$941.67	1	\$1,884.02	<b>Refer to Analysis</b>

[REDACTED]

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