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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

June 20, 2016

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IBR Case Number:	CB16-0000729	Date of Injury:	06/04/2015
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	05/02/2016
Assignment Date:	06/09/2016		
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	11/24/2015 – 11/24/2015		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	95913		

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 \$38.55 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$233.55. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of **\$233.55** 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,
MAXIMUS

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 95913 services performed on 11/24/2015.**
- EORs reflect service denied with the following rational: Report/documentation does not indicate that the service was performed.
 - Although a code re-assignment is not directly indicated on the EOR's, reimbursement relating to 95912 Nrv cndj test 11-12 studies @ PPO rate is reflected.
- Opportunity to Dispute Eligibility communicated with the Claims Administrator on 05/24/2016; response not yet received.
- Contractual Agreement not received for IBR; EOR's indicated 90% OMFS.
- 95913 Nerve conduction studies; 13 or more studies
- Nerve Conduction studies reflected on submitted report when compared to AMA CPT Appendix J:

Nerve Conduction Study Results indicate the following sensory nerves tested on the upper extremities:

- Median: Right, Left (2)
- Radial: Right, Left (2)
- Ulnar: Right, Left (2)
 - Total sensory nerves tested: 6

Nerve Conduction Study Results indicate the following motor nerves tested on the upper extremities:

- Median: Right, Left (2)
- Radial: Right, Left (2)
- Ulnar: Right, Left (2)
 - Total motor nerves tested: 6

Comparison Studies reflected on report indicate Left Median/Ulnar Dig IV Comparison (Digit 4) and Right Median/Ulnar Dig IV Comparison (Digit 4). These studies were required for comparison and are separately reimbursable.

- Total comparison nerves tested (2)
- Total Nerves tested as reflected in the documentation: 14
- **Based on the aforementioned documentation and guidelines, reimbursement is indicated for 95913.**

The table on page 4 describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: 95913

Date of Service: 11/24/2015							
Physician							
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Assist Surgeon	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
95913	\$686.90	\$294.41	\$75.00	N/A	14	\$332.96	PPO (-) Reimbursed Amount = \$38.55 Due Provider Refer to Analysis

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