
INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

June 28, 2016

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IBR Case Number:	CB16-0000837	Date of Injury:	06/09/2007
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	05/18/2016
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]		
Date(s) of service:	12/29/2015		
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	J2275		

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,

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
- DWC Pharmacy Calculator
- Medi-Cal Pricing Indicator

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 J2275 NDC 38779067308 Morphine Sulfate Powder relating to date of service 12/29/2015.**
- Claims Administrator reimbursement \$18.36 of billed amount \$271.40.
- **Submitted Code J2275**, Injection, morphine sulfate (preservative-free sterile solution), **per 10 mg.**
- **CMS 1500 indicates 20 units (200 mg of Morphine).**
- Secondary Treating Physician's Progress Report, "Session Data Report," indicates NDC 38779067308 as a **compounded** medication.
- Red Book indicates NDC 38779067308 is supplied in powder form per gram of powder. As such, J2275 does not adequately reflect documentation as 20 units indicated on CMS 1500 form equates to 200 mg of Morphine.
- Aforementioned documentation reflects "**10 mg/ml**" compounded into volume of **20 ml**'s.
- Labor Code 5307.1. (e) (2) Any compounded drug product shall be billed by the compounding pharmacy or dispensing physician **at the ingredient level**, with each ingredient identified using the applicable National Drug Code (NDC) of the ingredient and the corresponding quantity, and in accordance with regulations adopted by the California State Board of Pharmacy. Ingredients with no NDC shall not be separately reimbursable. The ingredient-level reimbursement shall be equal to 100 percent of the reimbursement allowed by the Medi-Cal payment system and payment shall be based on the sum of the allowable fee for each ingredient plus a dispensing fee equal to the

dispensing fee allowed by the Medi-Cal payment systems. If the compounded drug product is dispensed by a physician, the maximum reimbursement shall not exceed 300 percent of documented paid costs, but in no case more than twenty dollars (\$20) above documented paid costs.

- NDC code entered into the DWC Compound Prescription Price Calculator **at the ingredient** level. MG reflected on Pain Pump documentation converted to **grams** as the ingredient is **powder** and is calculated per gram: 10mg= 0.01000000g x 20 Volume.
- PPO contract agreement not received for review.
- Based on coding guidelines and documentation, additional reimbursement is not warranted.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: NDC # 38779067308 (J2275)

Date of Service: 12/29/2015						
Physician Services/Pharmacy						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
NDC # 38779067308 (J2275)	\$271.40	\$18.36	\$169.64	20	\$18.36	Refer to Analysis

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