

INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

June 11, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0000313	Date of Injury:	5/9/2014
Claim Number:	[REDACTED]	Application Received:	
Claims Administrator:	[REDACTED]	Assignment Date:	10/7/2014
Provider Name:	[REDACTED]		
Employee Name:	[REDACTED]		
Disputed Codes:	DRG 003		

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 \$289,625.94 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$289,820.94. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$289,820.94 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 4610.6(h).

Sincerely,

Dawn M. N. Ossont, RHIT, CCS

Chief Coding Reviewer

cc: [REDACTED]
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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
- Official Medical Fee Schedule
- Negotiated contracted rates: none
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)
- Other: Title 8, CCR, Chapter 4.5, Subchapter 1, 9789.22, 9789.23, 9789.24

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:** The provider disagrees with the amount of reimbursement received from the Claim Administrator for DRG 003 as this case qualifies as a cost outlier.
- Based on review of section 9789.22 (f) of the CCR this patient qualifies as a cost outlier.
- Total billed charges: \$4,442,166.29
- DRG 003 Service Intensity Weight: 17.6369
- Provider hospital specific composite factor: \$9492.84
- Provider cost-to-charge ratio: .2
- Provider hospital specific outlier factor: \$25,235.34
- Inpatient Hospital Fee Schedule Amount: \$200,909.12
 $17.6369 \times 1.2 \times 9492.84 = \$200,909.12$
- Charges reduced to costs: \$888,433.26
 $\$4,442,166.29 \times .2 = \$888,433.26$
- Cost outlier threshold: $\$200,909.12 + \$25,235.34 = \$226,144.46$
- Per CCR 9789.22 (f)(2), “If costs exceed the outlier threshold, the case is a cost outlier case. The additional allowance for the outlier case equals $0.8 \times (\text{costs} - \text{cost outlier threshold})$.”
- This case qualifies for additional cost outlier reimbursement.
- Total reimbursement: \$289,625.94

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Requested additional amount of \$289,625.94 is appropriate.

Date of Service: 7/28/2014					
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
DRG 003	\$ 4,442,166.29	\$ 435,110.19	\$ 289,625.94	\$ 289,625.94	DISPUTED SERVICE: Additional amount warranted.

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