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INDEPENDENT BILLING REVIEW FINAL DETERMINATION

August 14, 2015

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IBR Case Number:	CB15-0001144	Date of Injury:	03/05/2015
Claim Number:	[Redacted]	Application Received:	07/15/2015
Claims Administrator:	[Redacted]		
Date(s) of service:	03/06/2015		
Provider Name:	[Redacted]		
Employee Name:	[Redacted]		
Disputed Codes:	64831-F3		

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 \$812.79 in additional reimbursement for a total of \$1007.79. A detailed explanation of the decision is provided later in this letter.

The Claim Administrator is required to reimburse the Provider a total of \$1007.79 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, MD, MPH
Medical Director

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
- Official Medical Fee Schedule
- National Correct Coding Initiatives
- Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

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 is dissatisfied with reimbursement of billed code 64831 and denial of code 64832.
- Claims Administrator denied code 64832 indicating on the Explanation of Review “There is no separate facility fee for this service under the California Outpatient Hospital/ASC fee schedule”
- 64832 - Suture of digital nerve, hand or foot; each additional digital nerve (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure); has a status indicator ‘N’ - Items and Services Packaged into APC Rates. Paid under OPPOS; Payment is packaged into payment for other services. Therefore, there is no separate APC payment.
- Reimbursement of code 64832 is not warranted.
- Provider billed code 64831 along with codes 26356-F3 and 26356-F3 and was reimbursed \$2071.50 for each code for a total of \$6219.30
- On or after September 1, 2014; Hospital Outpatient Department Services that are: Surgical Procedures; Emergency Room visits; or services that are an integral part of the surgical procedure or emergency room visit Multipliers (A) Medicare multiplier; (B) multiplier that includes an extra percentage reimbursement for high cost outlier cases: (B) 121.2%
- Section 9789.33. Determination of Maximum Reasonable Fee. Hospital Outpatient Department Services that are: Surgical procedures; Emergency Room Visits; or services

that are an integral part of the surgical procedure or emergency room visit. For services rendered on or after September 1, 2014: APC relative weight x adjusted conversion factor x 1.212 workers' compensation multiplier, pursuant to Section 9789.30(aa). See Section 9789.39(b) for the APC relative weight by date of service.

- Based on calculations for reimbursable codes billed, additional reimbursement is warranted pursuant section 9789.33.

The table below describes the pertinent claim line information.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Reimbursement of code 64831-F3

Date of Service:						
Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Multiple Surgery	Workers' Comp Allowed Amt.	Notes
64831-F3	\$11,309.06	\$6,219.30	\$1,055.04	Yes	\$7032.09	DISPUTED SERVICE: Allow additional reimbursement \$812.79

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