

NAME:
REGARDING:

SS#:

UFCW LOCAL 1500 WELFARE FUND

LOCAL: 1500
STATUS: Full Time

ISSUE: Medical – Charge in Excess of Usual and Customary Rate (UCR) #M13/108-0214

FUND RULE:

"Comprehensive Out-Of-Network Major Medical Expense Benefit Exclusions

3. The portion of a charge for a service or supply in excess of the reasonable and customary charge."

(UFCW Local 1500 Full Time Employees Group Benefit Plan SPD, Page 63)

SUMMARY: Date(s) of Service: November 14, 2012
Paid: January 8, 2013
Appeal Received: February 25, 2013

The **billing agent for the provider**, Borimir J. Darakchiev, MD, is appealing for additional payment of a claim for the participant's spouse. The billing agent requests that the charges be reprocessed with allowed amounts that are comparable to the "Fair Health" website. The billing agent states "Unless this claim is reprocessed so that the allowance is comparable to the estimated charges as established by the Fair Health, it is our intention to balance bill your member for the remaining balance of \$152,042.17."

Fund records indicate that Dr. Darakchiev submitted a claim for spinal surgery performed at Good Samaritan Hospital (in-network facility). The claim was paid correctly up to the limits of the Plan. Dr. Darakchiev does not participate with Empire.

Note: The provider's charges are in excess of the Fund's UCR for these services.

ACTION:

Approved

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Denied

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COMMENTS: