

Case Number:	CM13-0015427		
Date Assigned:	03/12/2014	Date of Injury:	08/28/2007
Decision Date:	04/14/2014	UR Denial Date:	08/05/2013
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	08/22/2013

HOW THE IMR FINAL DETERMINATION WAS MADE

MAXIMUS Federal Services sent the complete case file to an expert reviewer. He/she has no affiliation with the employer, employee, providers or the claims administrator. The expert reviewer is Board Certified in Dentistry and is licensed to practice in California. He/she has been in active clinical practice for more than five years and is currently working at least 24 hours a week in active practice. 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. He/she is familiar with governing laws and regulations, including the strength of evidence hierarchy that applies to Independent Medical Review determinations.

CLINICAL CASE SUMMARY

The expert reviewer developed the following clinical case summary based on a review of the case file, including all medical records:

According to the medical report, dated 07/31/12, the patient has reported that on 11/01/2006 he was involved in an industrial injury, which subsequently caused him orthopedic pain. The patient finds that he has developed emotional stressors due to the pain. The patient finds that he is clenching his teeth and bracing his facial musculature, which has resulted in the patient developing facial and jaw pain. The patient has also reported that as a result of the bruxism, clenching and grinding of his teeth, has fractured some of his teeth. The patient is also taking a number of medications, which have caused him to have dry mouth with resulting decay of the teeth. As a result, the treating physician has found that, among other treatments needed, the patient needs several extractions, and an immediate mandibular denture, which will need tissue conditioning and relines.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

The Final Determination was based on decisions for the disputed items/services set forth below:

TISSUE CONDITIONING MANDIBULA L 5851: Overturned

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not cite any medical evidence for its decision.

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) , Online version, Head Chapter, Dental Trauma treatment (facial Fractures). The Expert Reviewer also cited J Clin

Periodontal. 2013 Jan; 40(1):90-8. doi: 0.1111/jcpe.12027. Epub 2012 Nov 19, Radiographic evaluation of different

Decision rationale: The Official Disability Guidelines indicate that dental implants, dentures, crowns, bridges, onlays, inlays, braces, pulling impacted teeth, or repositioning impacted teeth, would be options to promptly repair injury to sound natural teeth required as a result of, and directly related to, and accidental injury. If there is no sufficient structure remaining to hold a crown, tooth extraction may be needed, and bridges, implants or a removable appliance may be used. As reported, the patient will be receiving an immediate mandibular denture after extractions of several teeth. The treating provider has found moderate to severe bone loss. Considering all findings, tissue conditioning for the mandibular partial is recommended to compensate for the initial bone loss after extractions, and allow the patient to wear his dentures while his gums are healing after the extractions. The request has been certified.

RELIN MANDIBULAR PARTIAL CHAI: Overturned

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not cite any medical evidence for its decision.

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