

Case Number:	CM13-0032238		
Date Assigned:	12/04/2013	Date of Injury:	11/24/2008
Decision Date:	03/18/2014	UR Denial Date:	09/20/2013
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	10/07/2013

HOW THE IMR FINAL DETERMINATION WAS MADE

MAXIMUS Federal Services sent the complete case file to a physician reviewer. He/she has no affiliation with the employer, employee, providers or the claims administrator. The physician reviewer is Board Certified in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, and is licensed to practice in Illinois. 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 physician 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:

The patient is a 50-year-old male who reported injury on 11/24/2008. The mechanism of injury was not provided. The patient was noted to have a neoplasm of uncertain behavior in the right nasal ala, in the nasal dorsum, and on the outside of the nose. These were noted to be taken care of by shave biopsy on 04/11/2013. The patient was noted to have precancerous proliferations and the patient was counseled on sun protective clothing and sunblock. It is indicated the patient should followup in 6 months. The patient's diagnosis was noted to be neoplasm of uncertain behavior of other and unspecified sights and tissues of the skin. The request was made for a full body skin exam.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Full body skin exam: Upheld

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 ACOEM Practice Guidelines, 2nd Edition (2004), Chapter 6, pg. 163.

Decision rationale: ACOEM guidelines indicate that a consultation is intended to aid in assessing the diagnosis, prognosis, therapeutic management, determination of medical stability, and permanent residual loss and/or examinee's fitness for return to work. Clinical documentation submitted for review indicated the employee had prior lesions on 04/2013. There was a lack of documentation of a more recent objective examination with findings to support the necessity for a full body skin exam. Given the above, the request for full body skin exam is not medically necessary.