

Case Number:	CM13-0044793		
Date Assigned:	04/25/2014	Date of Injury:	09/27/2012
Decision Date:	06/12/2014	UR Denial Date:	10/30/2013
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	11/01/2013

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 Orthopedic Surgery 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:

The patient is a 58 year old male with a date of injury of 9/27/12. Exam note 10/15/13 demonstrates complaints of neck pain right shoulder and right knee pain. Exam demonstrates diminished shoulder and knee range of motion with documented tenderness to the cervical spine. Exam demonstrates 4-/5 weakness to the shoulder with rotator cuff testing. Report of medication usage of Tramadol, Prilosec and Prozac.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

PRILOSEC 20 MG #90: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines NSAIDs.

MAXIMUS guideline: Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines NSAIDs, GI Symptoms & Cardiovascular Risk Page(s): 68.

Decision rationale: The Chronic Pain Medical Treatment Guidelines recommends for Prilosec for those patient's with risk factors for gastrointestinal events. The cited records above do not demonstrate that the patient is at risk for gastrointestinal events. Therefore, the request is not medically necessary.