

Case Number:	CM13-0055450		
Date Assigned:	12/30/2013	Date of Injury:	11/01/1999
Decision Date:	03/20/2014	UR Denial Date:	11/14/2013
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	11/20/2013

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 Family Medicine, 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 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:

This injured worker's date of injury was 11/01/1999. His treating physician is treating him for chronic pain involving his lower back and neck. His physician has requested coverage for a Sleep Number bed.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

One Sleep Number Bed (California King-Size Mattress) between 11/11/2013 and 1/10/2014:
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 National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Hospital Beds (280.7), Centers for Medicare & Medicare Services

Decision rationale: This patient has a long history of chronic neck and low back pain. His doctor has requested a Sleep Number bed. There are a number of well researched criteria for the use of hospital beds that define the criteria for use in specific patient care settings; such as, the care of stroke patients, post-operative patients, and amputee patients. Beds sold for the public typical lack features needed for the care of patients; such as, attachment points for gear and

mechanisms to change height to assist the patient to enter and leave the bed. There are no similar criteria to apply to beds sold directly to the public as furniture. Based on the documentation provided in this case, the request for the Sleep Number bed is non-certified.