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| <b>Case Number:</b>   | CM14-0007976 |                              |            |
| <b>Date Assigned:</b> | 02/07/2014   | <b>Date of Injury:</b>       | 05/09/1995 |
| <b>Decision Date:</b> | 08/19/2014   | <b>UR Denial Date:</b>       | 12/27/2013 |
| <b>Priority:</b>      | Standard     | <b>Application Received:</b> | 01/21/2014 |

### 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 General 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:

This 64 year old male with a date of injury of 5/9/95 has a past medical history of hypogonadism, hypertension, and diabetes mellitus. He has failed conservative management for erectile dysfunction including intracavernosal injection and is requesting a penile implant. There is a request for medical clearance, pre-operative labs, CBC, PT/PTT, U/A, Urine C&S, EKG, and a pre- operative X-Ray.

### IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

#### **PRE-OPERATIVE MEDICAL CLEARANCE:** Overturned

**Claims Administrator guideline:** The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation AMERICAN FAMILY PHYSICIAN JOURNAL.

**MAXIMUS guideline:** The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG), Treatment Index, 9th Edition (web), Regarding preoperative labs, EKG and chest x-ray.

**Decision rationale:** This patient has significant co morbidities: He is age 64, has type 2 diabetes mellitus, is hypertensive and on several medications, is on narcotics for chronic pain to the point

of Xerostomia, has lumbar disc disease, is status post cervical fusion, and is status post bilateral total knee arthroplasty. The request for Pre-Operative Medical Clearance is medically necessary.

**PRE-OPERATIVE LABS, COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL(CMP), COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT (CBC), PARTIAL THROMBOPLASTIN TIME (PT/PTT), URINALYSIS (UA), URINE CULTURE:** Overturned

**Claims Administrator guideline:** The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation AMERICAN FAMILY PHYSICIAN JOURNAL.

**MAXIMUS guideline:** The Expert Reviewer did not cite any medical evidence for its decision.

**Decision rationale:** This patient has significant co morbidities: He is age 64, has type 2 diabetes mellitus, is hypertensive and on several medications, is on narcotics for chronic pain to the point of Xerostomia, has lumbar disc disease, is status post cervical fusion, and is status post bilateral total knee arthroplasty. The request for pre-operative labs, comprehensive metabolic panel (CMP), complete blood count (CBC), partial thromboplastin time (PT/PTT), urinalysis (UA), and urine culture is medically necessary.

**PRE-OPERATIVE ELECTROCARDIOGRAM (EKG):** Overturned

**Claims Administrator guideline:** The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation AMERICAN FAMILY PHYSICIAN JOURNAL.

**MAXIMUS guideline:** The Expert Reviewer did not cite any medical evidence for its decision.

**Decision rationale:** This patient has significant co morbidities: He is age 64, has type 2 diabetes mellitus, is hypertensive and on several medications, is on narcotics for chronic pain to the point of Xerostomia, has lumbar disc disease, is status post cervical fusion, and is status post bilateral total knee arthroplasty. The request for a Pre-Operative Electrocardiogram (EKG) is medically necessary.

**PRE-OPERATIVE X-RAY:** Overturned

**Claims Administrator guideline:** The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation AMERICAN FAMILY PHYSICIAN JOURNAL.

**MAXIMUS guideline:** The Expert Reviewer did not cite any medical evidence for its decision.

**Decision rationale:** This patient has significant co morbidities: He is age 64, has type 2 diabetes mellitus, is hypertensive and on several medications, is on narcotics for chronic pain to the point of Xerostomia, has lumbar disc disease, is status post cervical fusion, and is status post bilateral total knee arthroplasty. The request for a Pre-Operative X-Ray is medically necessary.

