

Case Number:	CM14-0107151		
Date Assigned:	08/01/2014	Date of Injury:	12/18/2010
Decision Date:	08/29/2014	UR Denial Date:	07/01/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	07/10/2014

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 Ophthalmology 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 50 year-old male with date of injury of 12/18/2010, for whom request is made for a referral to eye specialist for consultation. The patient has a history of facial and hand burns, and has been previously seen by an Ophthalmologist. The patient complains of burning sensation.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

One (1) Referral to Eye Specialist for Consultation: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: Decision based on MTUS ACOEM Chapter 16 Eye Chapter Page(s): 416, 426, 432, 434, 441.

MAXIMUS guideline: Decision based on MTUS ACOEM Chapter 14 Ankle and Foot Complaints Page(s): 416, 422, 426.

Decision rationale: The patient does not have an acute injury, as his facial burn was over 3 years ago and was seen by an Ophthalmologist. Notes do not document last visit with the Ophthalmologist. There are no red flags at the time of examination, or indication that the patient's eye condition is worsening. The patient has also previously been already evaluated by an Ophthalmologist.