

Case Number:	CM14-0018313		
Date Assigned:	04/21/2014	Date of Injury:	02/08/2013
Decision Date:	07/02/2014	UR Denial Date:	02/06/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	02/13/2014

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 a licensed Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), 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:

Patient has developed an oral abscess following oral surgery. Repeat oral surgery has been recommended by [REDACTED] to treat this abscess.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

ORAL SURGERY: Overturned

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 American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), 2nd Edition, (2004)Based on ACOEM Guidelines, Chapter 7, Page 127, the occupational health practitioner may refer to other specialists if a diagnosis is uncertain or extremely complex, when psychosocial factors are present, or when the plan or course of care may benefit from additional expertise.

Decision rationale: Per [REDACTED] report dated 2/11/14, patient has an oral abscess, and his shoulder surgery cannot go forward until the abscess is resolved. [REDACTED] (oral surgeon), has diagnosed patient with a Periapical Abscess on #19. Therefore, referral to an Oral Surgeon is a medically necessary.

