

Case Number:	CM14-0112656		
Date Assigned:	08/01/2014	Date of Injury:	04/02/2013
Decision Date:	09/10/2014	UR Denial Date:	06/17/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	07/18/2014

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 37 year-old male who sustained a left eye injury on 4/2/2013 with a metal intraocular foreign body. The patient is status post vitrectomy with silicone oil for retinal detachment after intraocular foreign body removal (6/10/2013), intraocular foreign body removal (4/3/2013) and secondary intraocular lens placement (5/27/2014). On examination 5/28/2014, there is posterior chamber intraocular lens in place; there is no documentation of vitreous in the anterior chamber. This review is for request for vitrectomy, anterior approach.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Removal of Vitreous, anterior approach: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Pubmed.com. Updated March 2010. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20307048>, In situ intraocular suture techniques for pupilloplasty and suspension of a subluxated intraocular lens; Pubmed.com. Updated September 2012. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22767338>; Official Disability Guidelines - Treatment in Workers Compensation, (updated 06/05/14), Eye, Removal of foreign body in eye.

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) - Eye, Vitrectomy.

Decision rationale: The patient has already undergone vitrectomy on an earlier surgery date at the time of the initial intraocular foreign body removal. On the most recent examination, there is no documentation of vitreous in the anterior chamber. On a prior peer-to-peer discussion on 6/17/2014, the Attending Physician confirmed that anterior vitrectomy was not performed. Therefore, the request for removal of vitreous, anterior approach is not medically necessary.