

<b>Case Number:</b>	CM14-0118000		
<b>Date Assigned:</b>	08/06/2014	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	02/12/2013
<b>Decision Date:</b>	09/10/2014	<b>UR Denial Date:</b>	07/02/2014
<b>Priority:</b>	Standard	<b>Application Received:</b>	07/28/2014

### 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 Anesthesiology, has a subspecialty in Pain Management 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:

According to the records made available for review, this is a 31-year-old male with a 2/12/13 date of injury. At the time (6/26/14) of the request for authorization for MRI of the right shoulder, there is documentation of subjective (with overhead reaching his shoulder pops) and objective (almost full range of motion in right shoulder with smooth arc of abduction) findings, current diagnoses (rotator cuff tear), and treatment to date (medication). There is no documentation of acute shoulder trauma; over age 40; normal plain radiographs; subacute shoulder pain, or suspect instability/labral tear.

### IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

**MRI of the Right Shoulder:** Upheld

**Claims Administrator guideline:** Decision based on MTUS ACOEM Chapter 9 Shoulder Complaints Page(s): 207-209. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines-Treatment Index- 11th Edition- Shoulder MRI.

**MAXIMUS guideline:** Decision based on MTUS ACOEM Chapter 9 Shoulder Complaints Page(s): 214. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Shoulder Chapter, Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

**Decision rationale:** MTUS reference to ACOEM Guidelines identifies documentation of preoperative evaluation of partial thickness or large full-thickness rotator cuff tears, as criteria necessary to support the medical necessity of shoulder MRI. ODG identifies documentation of acute shoulder trauma, suspect rotator cuff tear/impingement; over age 40; normal plain radiographs; subacute shoulder pain, or suspect instability/labral tear, as criteria necessary to support the medical necessity of shoulder MRI. Within the medical information available for review, there is documentation of diagnoses of rotator cuff tear. However, there is no documentation of acute shoulder trauma; over age 40; normal plain radiographs; subacute shoulder pain, or suspect instability/labral tear. Therefore, based on guidelines and a review of the evidence, the request for MRI of the right shoulder is not medically necessary.