

Case Number:	CM14-0141796		
Date Assigned:	09/10/2014	Date of Injury:	10/31/2012
Decision Date:	11/18/2014	UR Denial Date:	08/18/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	09/02/2014

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 Family Medicine 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 has a date of injury of 10/31/2012. The patient was lifting a piece of wood and didn't notice a nail in it and the nail got stuck in his right knee. An X-ray done on 5/15/14 was negative for fracture. The patient was given a knee brace, acupuncture, topical cream and physical therapy. The medical records were reviewed.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Repeat Right Knee MRI: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) TWC Knee & Leg (updated 06/05/14)

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

Decision rationale: According to the Official Disability Guidelines, MRI is to be used to detect tendon or ligament injuries in the knee. The patient already had an MRI of the knee done. According to the medical records there is no indication for repeat MRI and thus is not medically necessary.