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| Case Number: | CM14-0022602 | | |
| Date Assigned: | 05/07/2014 | Date of Injury: | 03/06/2013 |
| Decision Date: | 07/09/2014 | UR Denial Date: | 01/23/2014 |
| Priority: | Standard | Application Received: | 02/21/2014 |

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 Orthopedic Surgery 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 48 year old female with left shoulder injured at work on 3/6/13. The claimant is reported to be status post diagnostic arthroscopy left shoulder with Bankart repair with removal of loose bodies 10/8/13. Exam note from 1/6/14 demonstrates complaints of continued pain and functional deficits. A report was made of posterior shoulder tenderness with weakness on internal and external rotation.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

DYOTIN 250/10MG CAPSULE #60: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: Decision based on MTUS ACOEM.

MAXIMUS guideline: Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Antiepilepsy drugs, Gabapentin Page(s): 16.

Decision rationale: CA MTUS/Chronic Pain Medical Treatment Guidelines state that Dyotin whose active ingredient is Gabapentin, is used for neuropathic pain and seizures. In this case, the claimant is status post right shoulder surgery on 10/8/13. There is no evidence in the records of neuropathic pain or seizures to warrant usage in this case. Therefore, the request is not medically necessary.