

Case Number:	CM14-0047086		
Date Assigned:	07/21/2014	Date of Injury:	05/12/2000
Decision Date:	08/26/2014	UR Denial Date:	03/13/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	04/16/2014

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 Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, and is licensed to practice in Arizona. 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 69-year-old male who sustained a work related injury on 5/12/2000 as a result of an unknown mechanism of injury. The patient is a retired fire fighter with a history of bladder distension with kidney stones and ureteropelvic junction dilation per a History and Physical perform by the [REDACTED] dated 9/25/2013 and that documentation is under the review of systems. However, review of the other provided medical documentation lists Allopurinol as part of the medications, but does not elaborate as to the reason why the medication is being utilized.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Allopurinol (Zyloprim) 300 mg: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 14th Edition, pages 499-500, 897-902; 1001-1013; 1051-1053; 1511-1514; 1822; 1841-1842, 1629-1630; Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR).

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Other Medical Treatment Guideline or Medical Evidence: <http://www.medicinenet.com/allopurinol-oral/article.htm>.

Decision rationale: Allopurinol is used to treat gout and certain types of kidney stones. It is also used to prevent increased uric acid levels in patients receiving cancer chemotherapy. These patients can have increased uric acid levels due to release of uric acid from the dying cancer cells. Allopurinol works by reducing the amount of uric acid made by the body. Increased uric acid levels can cause gout and kidney problems. Without specifics as to the use of the requested medication, either for gout or renal calculi; the request for Allopurinol (Zyloprim) 300 mg can not be deemed medically necessary.