

Case Number:	CM14-0054741		
Date Assigned:	07/07/2014	Date of Injury:	12/06/2012
Decision Date:	08/08/2014	UR Denial Date:	03/31/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	04/23/2014

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 Internal Medicine and is licensed to practice in Virginia. 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:

This is a 59 year old patient who sustained injury on Dec 6 2012. He developed chronic cervicgia, chronic lumbar backache, bilateral shoulder region arthralgia and bilateral elbow region arthralgia. He was diagnosed with major depression, reactive with psychotic features and chronic pain syndrome. He was started on risperidone 0.25mg qhs and sertraline 50mg qhs on Mar 18 2014.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Risperidone .5mg, #60: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Anti-depressants in chronic pain.

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.rxlist.com/risperdal-drug/indications-dosage.htm> <http://reference.medscape.com/drug/risperdal-consta-risperidone-342986>.

Decision rationale: This patient was diagnosed with major depression and psychosis. Risperidone is a medication used to treat this condition and it would be medically indicated.