

Case Number:	CM14-0078570		
Date Assigned:	09/10/2014	Date of Injury:	07/03/2006
Decision Date:	10/03/2014	UR Denial Date:	05/12/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	05/28/2014

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 Family Practice 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:

Claimant is a 63 yr. old female claimant sustained a work injury on 7/3/06 involving the neck and lower extremities. She was diagnosed with cervical spine discopathy and underwent a knee arthroplasty. She had a chronic history of asthma and hypertension. The treating physician request the claimant use Narcosoft. The indication for use was not mentioned.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Norcsoft #60: 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)

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

Decision rationale: The MTUS and ACOEM guidelines do not comment on Narcosoft. Narcosoft is a medical food / herbal laxative used to treat irritable bowel. There are no studies to support the use of Narcosoft. There are no clinical notes, diagnoses or indications to support it use. According to the ODG guidelines, a medical food must be labeled for dietary management of a specific medical disorder, disease, or condition for which there are distinctive nutritional requirements. Based on the above, the use of Narcosoft is not medically necessary.

