

<b>Case Number:</b>	CM14-0114176		
<b>Date Assigned:</b>	08/01/2014	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	05/31/2011
<b>Decision Date:</b>	02/05/2015	<b>UR Denial Date:</b>	07/14/2014
<b>Priority:</b>	Standard	<b>Application Received:</b>	07/21/2014

### 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 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:

Patient had a date of injury on 5/31/2011. Diagnosis includes ulnar nerve entrapment. The patient has completed 32 sessions of occupational therapy.

### IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

**Occupational Therapy Qty. 12:** Upheld

**Claims Administrator guideline:** Decision based on MTUS Postsurgical Treatment Guidelines.

**MAXIMUS guideline:** Decision based on MTUS Postsurgical Treatment Guidelines Page(s): 18.

**Decision rationale:** According to guidelines, it states that recommended physical therapy for ulnar nerve entrapment/cubital tunnel syndrome is 20 visits over 10 weeks. The patient has exceeded this number and has no exacerbation. Therefore, the request is not medically necessary.