

Case Number:	CM14-0196356		
Date Assigned:	12/03/2014	Date of Injury:	09/03/2007
Decision Date:	01/15/2015	UR Denial Date:	11/05/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	11/21/2014

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 Internal Medicine, has a subspecialty in Rheumatology and is licensed to practice in Maryland. 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 50 year old male with date of injury 9/3/07. The mechanism of injury is not stated in the available medical records. The patient has complained of left foot pain since the date of injury. He has been treated with left foot surgery (remodeling of dorsal navicular cuneiform joint) physical therapy and medications. There are no radiographic data included for review. Objective: tenderness to palpation of left 2nd through 5th metatarsal joints left foot, tenderness to palpation of the left heel. Diagnoses are foot pain and metatarsalgia. Treatment plan and request was KGLACC cream.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

KGLACC cream 240 grams: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not cite any medical evidence for its decision.

MAXIMUS guideline: Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Topical Analgesics Page(s): 111.

Decision rationale: This 50 year old male has complained of left foot pain since date of injury 9/3/07. He has been treated with left foot surgery (remodeling of dorsal navicular cuneiform joint) physical therapy and medications. The current request is for KGLACC cream. Per the

MTUS guidelines cited above, the use of topical analgesics in the treatment of chronic pain is largely experimental, and when used, is primarily recommended for the treatment of neuropathic pain when trials of first line treatments such as anticonvulsants and antidepressants have failed. There is no such documentation in the available medical records. On the basis of the MTUS guidelines cited above, KGLACC cream is not indicated as medically necessary.