

Case Number:	CM14-0198211		
Date Assigned:	12/08/2014	Date of Injury:	01/20/2014
Decision Date:	01/28/2015	UR Denial Date:	11/13/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	11/25/2014

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 1/20/2014. The patient slipped and fell from the ramp of a truck. Prior treatments include: physical therapy, and medications. Patient sustained a fracture of the wrist. Diagnosis includes carpal tunnel syndrome, ulna styloid fracture.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Bone stimulator: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG), forearm, wrist and hand - bone growth stimulators.

Decision rationale: According to guidelines it states the criteria for bone growth stimulators include non union of long bone fractures. According to medical records there is no non union of the long bones and thus is not medically necessary.