

Case Number:	CM14-0199431		
Date Assigned:	12/09/2014	Date of Injury:	02/24/2003
Decision Date:	01/22/2015	UR Denial Date:	10/30/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	11/28/2014

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 Neurology, has a subspecialty in Neuromuscular Medicine and is licensed to practice in New Jersey. 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 52 year old man who sustained a work-related injury on October 8 2014. Subsequently, the patient developed a chronic back and knee pain. According to a progress report dated on November 6 2014, the patient was complaining of on going back and knee pain. The patient physical examination demonstrated muscle spam lumbar and sacroiliac tenderness. The provider requested authorization for Actos.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Actos 15mg quantity 30: Upheld

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

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: Actos. http://www.emedicinehealth.com/drug-pioglitazone_oral/article_em.htm

Decision rationale: Actos is glucose lowering agent used to treat diabetes. There is no clinical evidence documenting that the patient is suffering from diabetes. The request is not medically necessary.