

<b>Case Number:</b>	CM14-0203545		
<b>Date Assigned:</b>	12/16/2014	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	05/03/2013
<b>Decision Date:</b>	02/11/2015	<b>UR Denial Date:</b>	11/17/2014
<b>Priority:</b>	Standard	<b>Application Received:</b>	12/05/2014

### 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 9/30/2012. Diagnosis includes right shoulder tendinosis, right shoulder bursitis and right wrist sprain.

### IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

**MRI Right Wrist:** Upheld

**Claims Administrator guideline:** The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation ODG, Forearm, Wrist, & Hand Chapter, MRIs

**MAXIMUS guideline:** Decision based on MTUS ACOEM Chapter 11 Forearm, Wrist, and Hand Complaints Page(s): 269.

**Decision rationale:** According to guidelines it states a MRI of the wrist is needed if there is possibility of infection, carpal tunnel syndrome. According to the medical records there is no indication as to why an MRI is needed and thus not medically necessary.