

Case Number:	CM15-0001277		
Date Assigned:	01/15/2015	Date of Injury:	02/20/2011
Decision Date:	03/10/2015	UR Denial Date:	12/17/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	01/05/2015

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. 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/Service. He/she is familiar with governing laws and regulations, including the strength of evidence hierarchy that applies to Independent Medical Review determinations.

The Expert Reviewer has the following credentials:
State(s) of Licensure: California
Certification(s)/Specialty: Dentist

CLINICAL CASE SUMMARY

The expert reviewer developed the following clinical case summary based on a review of the case file, including all medical records:

AME dentist report of [REDACTED] dated 06/19/2014 states that this patient's tooth #21 is industrially related. Treating dentist [REDACTED] report dated 11/04/14 states that due to the injury patient broke tooth #21, which caused her existing partial to no longer fit, so patient has been chewing only on her right side, #3-5 all had old amalgam fillings and the constant chewing and grinding has caused these filings to break down and crack. UR dentist has denied this dental treatment due to missing requested information.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Crown build up, including Pins Teeth # 3 and #4: Overturned

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Head Chapter, Dental Trauma Treatment (facial fractures);
<http://www.ncbl.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/7591006>

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation ODG Head Dental trauma treatment (facial fractures) Recommended

Decision rationale: Per medical reference mentioned above, "Dental implants, dentures, crowns, bridges, onlays, inlays, braces, pulling impacted teeth, or repositioning impacted teeth, would be options to promptly repair injury to sound natural teeth required as a result of, and directly related to, an accidental injury". Due to the injury patient broke tooth #21, which caused her existing partial to no longer fit, so patient has been chewing only on her right side, #3-5 all had old amalgam fillings and the constant chewing and grinding has caused these fillings to break down and crack. This IMR reviewer finds this request to be medically necessary to repair this patient's dental condition.

Surgical place implant: Endosteal teeth #19 and #21: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Head Chapter, Dental Trauma Treatment (facial fractures); <http://www.ncbl.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/7591006>

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation ODG Head Dental trauma treatment

Decision rationale: AME dentist has only found tooth #21 to be industrially related. per medial reference mentioned above "Any dental work needed due to underlying conditions unrelated to the industrial injury would be the responsibility of the worker". Therefore this IMR reviewer finds this request to be not medically necessary on an industrial basis.

Custom Abutment-Including placement teeth # 19 and #21: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Head Chapter, Dental Trauma Treatment (facial fractures); <http://www.ncbl.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation ODG Head Dental trauma treatment

Decision rationale: AME dentist has only found tooth #21 to be industrially related. and per medial reference mentioned above "Any dental work needed due to underlying conditions unrelated to the industrial injury would be the responsibility of the worker". Therefore this IMR reviewer finds this request to be not medically necessary on an industrial basis.

Pontic-Porcelain fused knob teeth #20: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Head Chapter, Dental Trauma Treatment (facial fractures); <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation ODG Head Dental trauma treatment

Decision rationale: AME dentist has only found tooth #21 to be industrially related. and per medial reference mentioned above "Any dental work needed due to underlying conditions unrelated to the industrial injury would be the responsibility of the worker". Therefore this IMR reviewer finds this request to be not medically necessary on an industrial basis.

Extraction-Surgical/Erupt teeth # 21: Overturned

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Head Chapter, Dental Trauma Treatment (facial fractures); <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation ODG Head Dental trauma treatment (facial fractures) Recommended

Decision rationale: Per medical reference mentioned above, "Dental implants, dentures, crowns, bridges, onlays, inlays, braces, pulling impacted teeth, or repositioning impacted teeth, would be options to promptly repair injury to sound natural teeth required as a result of, and directly related to, an accidental injury". This IMR reviewer finds this request to be medically necessary to repair this patient's dental condition.

Perio Scale and Root pin-4 + per quad for lower left and right and upper left: Overturned

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Head Chapter, Dental Trauma Treatment (facial fractures); <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Comprehensive periodontal therapy: a statement by the American Academy of Periodontology. J Periodontol 2011 Jul; 82(7):943-9. [133 references]

Decision rationale: Per medical reference mentioned above, "Removal of supra- and subgingival bacterial plaque biofilm and calculus by comprehensive, meticulous periodontal scaling and root planning" are part of the treatment plan for periodontal therapy (J Periodontol 2011) . Since this patient has been diagnosed with periodontal disease, this IMR reviewer finds this request for root planning and scaling to be medically necessary.

Crown-Porc fuse high noble MTL teeth #3, #4 ,#5: Overturned

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Head Chapter, Dental Trauma Treatment (facial fractures); <http://www.ncbl.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/7591006>

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