

Case Number:	CM14-0120485		
Date Assigned:	08/06/2014	Date of Injury:	05/23/2014
Decision Date:	10/22/2014	UR Denial Date:	07/17/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	07/30/2014

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 Medicine and is licensed to practice in North Carolina. 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 claimant had an original date of injury of 5/23/2014. Diagnoses include headaches, cervical strain, left shoulder strain and left costosternal strain. Plain x rays have been performed and pain haThe claimant slipped on melted ice and fell, injuring neck, shoulder, chest and striking head. He has been treated with nonsteroidal medication and narcotic pain medication. The request is for CT scan of the head.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

CT Scan of the head: Overturned

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 ODG) Head, computed tomography

Decision rationale: ODG states that computed tomography of the head is recommended in cases of altered mental status, focal neurologic deficits and new onset seizures. CT of the head should be considered in cases with signs of basilar skull fracture, when there are signs of trauma above the clavicles. Evidence of amnesai, age greater than 60, drug or alcohol intoxication and any prior history fo traumatic brain injury. In this case, the medical records document contusion of

parietal region, raising concern for significant brain trauma. The computed tomography is medically indicated.