

Case Number:	CM15-0173362		
Date Assigned:	09/15/2015	Date of Injury:	04/07/2010
Decision Date:	10/23/2015	UR Denial Date:	08/05/2015
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	09/02/2015

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:

The injured worker is a 47 year old male who sustained an industrial injury on 04-07-2010. Report dated 06-22-2015 noted that the injured worker presented for a fitting of a night guard, but he also had a chip of porcelain off #9. The sharp edge of the porcelain was smoothed and the crown needs to be replaced. The treatment plan included a request for crown-porcelain high noble D2750. The utilization review dated 08-05-2015, non-certified the request for crown-porcelain high noble D2750.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Crown/Porcelain high Noble: Overturned

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation ODG Head (updated 07/24/15) Online Version.

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

Decision rationale: Records reviewed indicate that patient presented for a fitting of a night guard, but he also had a chip of porcelain off #9. The sharp edge of the porcelain was smoothed and the crown needs to be replaced. The treatment plan included a request for crown-porcelain high noble #9. Per reference mentioned above, "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." Therefore based on the records reviewed along with findings and reference mentioned above, this reviewer finds this request for Crown/Porcelain high Noble #9 medically necessary to promptly repair this patient's tooth.