

<b>Case Number:</b>	CM14-0142190		
<b>Date Assigned:</b>	09/10/2014	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	07/30/2007
<b>Decision Date:</b>	10/06/2014	<b>UR Denial Date:</b>	05/19/2014
<b>Priority:</b>	Standard	<b>Application Received:</b>	09/03/2014

### 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 Internal Medicine 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:

According to the records made available for review, this is a 59-year-old male with a 7/30/07 date of injury. At the time (5/19/14) of the Decision for 1 MIDUS Doppler without Viagra and 1 MIDUS Doppler with Viagra, there is documentation of subjective (loss of erection) and objective (enlarged and non-tender prostate gland) findings, current diagnoses (erectile dysfunction), and treatment to date (medications). There is no documentation of a history suggestive of vascular organic erectile disorder.

### IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

#### **1 MIDUS Doppler without Viagra: Upheld**

**Claims Administrator guideline:** The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Website-  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/imj.12325/full>

**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 <http://www.nature.com/ijir/journal/v18/n4/full/3901433a.html>

**Decision rationale:** MTUS and ODG do not address this issue. Medical Treatment Guideline identifies documentation of a history suggestive of vascular organic erectile disorder, as criteria

necessary to support the medical necessity of male impotence diagnostic ultrasound system (MIDUS). Within the medical information available for review, there is documentation of a diagnosis of erectile dysfunction. However, despite documentation of subjective (loss of erection) and objective (enlarged and non-tender prostate gland findings), there is no documentation of a history suggestive of vascular organic erectile disorder. Therefore, based on guidelines and a review of the evidence, the request for 1 MIDUS Doppler without Viagra is not medically necessary.

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**Decision rationale:** MTUS and ODG do not address this issue. Medical Treatment Guideline identifies documentation of a history suggestive of vascular organic erectile disorder, as criteria necessary to support the medical necessity of male impotence diagnostic ultrasound system (MIDUS). Within the medical information available for review, there is documentation of a diagnosis of erectile dysfunction. However, despite documentation of subjective (loss of erection) and objective (enlarged and non-tender prostate gland findings), there is no documentation of a history suggestive of vascular organic erectile disorder. Therefore, based on guidelines and a review of the evidence, the request for 1 MIDUS Doppler with Viagra is not medically necessary.