

Case Number:	CM13-0013996		
Date Assigned:	10/02/2013	Date of Injury:	03/25/2011
Decision Date:	02/04/2014	UR Denial Date:	08/12/2013
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	08/20/2013

HOW THE IMR FINAL DETERMINATION WAS MADE

MAXIMUS Federal Services sent the complete case file to a physician reviewer. He/she has no affiliation with the employer, employee, providers or the claims administrator. The physician reviewer is Board Certified in Neurology, has a subspecialty in Neuromuscular 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 physician 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 is a 64-year-old woman who developed chronic headache. Her physical examination was unremarkable. There is a request of urine drug screen.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Office Visit of 6/25/2013, Urine Toxicology Screen in two months ordered: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not cite any medical evidence for its decision.

MAXIMUS guideline: Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Section Opioids, steps to avoid misuse/addiction Page(s): 94.

Decision rationale: According to MTUS guidelines, urine toxicology screens are indicated to avoid misuse/addiction. There is no evidence that the patient is taking or abusing illicit drugs. The request for Office Visit of 6/25/2013, Urine Toxicology Screen in two months ordered, is not medically necessary.