

Case Number:	CM13-0031765		
Date Assigned:	12/04/2013	Date of Injury:	08/16/2010
Decision Date:	02/24/2014	UR Denial Date:	09/25/2013
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	10/04/2013

HOW THE IMR FINAL DETERMINATION WAS MADE

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CLINICAL CASE SUMMARY

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

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IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Urine drug screen performed on 05/24/2011: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: Decision based on MTUS ACOEM, Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Opioids Page(s): 143,77-80.

MAXIMUS guideline: Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Urine drug screening Page(s): 43,85. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Pain Chapter, Urine drug screening.

Decision rationale: The guidelines state that urine drug screening is recommended as an option to assess for the use or the presence of illegal drugs. The urine drug screen is over 2 years. There was no documentation provided for the date of 05/24/2011 that supports the screen. Therefore, the urine drug screening performed on 05/24/2011 was not medically necessary.