

Case Number:	CM14-0101199		
Date Assigned:	07/30/2014	Date of Injury:	10/23/2008
Decision Date:	09/19/2014	UR Denial Date:	06/19/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	07/01/2014

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 Preventative 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 58-year-old male with a 10/23/08 date of injury. At the time (6/19/14) of the Decision for Noninvasive DNA Testing for medication sensitivity, there is documentation of subjective findings of back and upper extremity pain and objective findings of tenderness over the bilateral shoulder and wrists, decreased shoulder range of motion, and positive Phalen's test. The current diagnoses are cervical discogenic pain, lumbar discogenic pain, and sprain of neck. The treatment to date is medications, chiropractic therapy, acupuncture, and physical therapy.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Noninvasive DNA Testing for medication sensitivity: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines.

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Pain, Genetic testing for potential opioid abuse.

Decision rationale: California MTUS does not address this issue. ODG identifies that genetic testing for potential opioid abuse is not recommended and that current research is experimental

in terms of testing for this. Therefore, based on guidelines and a review of the evidence, the request for Noninvasive DNA Testing for medication sensitivity is not medically necessary.