

<b>Case Number:</b>	CM14-0033986		
<b>Date Assigned:</b>	06/20/2014	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	05/17/2002
<b>Decision Date:</b>	07/29/2014	<b>UR Denial Date:</b>	02/18/2014
<b>Priority:</b>	Standard	<b>Application Received:</b>	03/18/2014

### 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 Dentistry 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:

Records reviewed indicate this is a 50 year old male with a date of industrial injury on 05/17/2002. Patient is having back pain as well as a lumbar post laminectomy syndrome and that he was on multiple medications for pain. [REDACTED] is requesting treatment plan to include a dental consult/treatment for sever periodontal disease related to chronic opiate use.

### IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

**Dental referral:** Overturned

**Claims Administrator guideline:** The Claims Administrator did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation ACOEM Guidelines - Independent Medical Examinations and Consultations.

**MAXIMUS guideline:** The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), 2nd Edition, (2004) Chapter 7, Page 127.

**Decision rationale:** Based on the guidelines cited above, this IMR reviewer finds this request of dental consult to be medically necessary to address the periodontal disease.