

Case Number:	CM14-0179555		
Date Assigned:	11/04/2014	Date of Injury:	03/08/2012
Decision Date:	02/05/2015	UR Denial Date:	10/22/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	10/29/2014

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 46-year-old male with a 3/8/12 date of injury. At the time (10/22/14) of the Decision for Voltage-actuated sensory nerve conduction threshold, there is documentation of subjective (neck pain associated with numbness and tingling) and objective (positive cervical compression test, tenderness over the cervical spine area, and positive foraminal compression test) findings, current diagnoses (lumbago), and treatment to date (medications and chiropractic therapy).

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Voltage-actuated sensory nerve conduction threshold: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: Decision based on MTUS ACOEM.

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) Neck and Upper back, Voltage actuated sensory nerve conduction

Decision rationale: MTUS does not address issue. ODG identifies that Voltage actuated sensory nerve conduction is not recommended. Therefore, based on guidelines and a review of the evidence, the request for Voltage-actuated sensory nerve conduction threshold is not medically necessary.

