

<b>Case Number:</b>	CM15-0104729		
<b>Date Assigned:</b>	06/09/2015	<b>Date of Injury:</b>	06/29/2000
<b>Decision Date:</b>	07/10/2015	<b>UR Denial Date:</b>	04/29/2015
<b>Priority:</b>	Standard	<b>Application Received:</b>	06/01/2015

### 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. 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/Service. He/she is familiar with governing laws and regulations, including the strength of evidence hierarchy that applies to Independent Medical Review determinations.

The Expert Reviewer has the following credentials:  
 State(s) of Licensure: New Jersey, Alabama, California  
 Certification(s)/Specialty: Neurology, Neuromuscular Medicine

### 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 injured worker is a 63 year old female, who sustained an industrial injury on 6/29/2000. She reported injury from a fall. The injured worker was diagnosed as having cervical and lumbar discogenic disease. Lumbar magnetic resonance imaging showed broad-based posterior disc protrusions. Treatment to date has included chiropractic care and medication management. In a progress note dated 4/8/2015, the injured worker complains of low back pain. Physical examination showed decreased range of motion the cervical and lumbar spine. The urine drug screen performed was negative. The treating physician is requesting urine drug screen from 4/8/2015.

### IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

**Urine drug screen (retrospective DOS 4/8/2015): Upheld**

**Claims Administrator guideline:** Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Drug testing; Opioids Page(s): 43; 78.

**MAXIMUS guideline:** Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Opioids, steps to avoid misuse/addiction Page(s): 77-78; 94.

**Decision rationale:** According to MTUS guidelines, urine toxicology screens is indicated to avoid misuse/addiction. "(j) Consider the use of a urine drug screen to assess for the use or the presence of illegal drugs." There is no evidence that the patient have aberrant behavior for urine drug screen. There is no clear evidence of abuse, addiction and poor pain control. There is no documentation that the patient has a history of use of illicit drugs. Therefore, the request for retrospective Urine drug screen is not medically necessary.