

Case Number:	CM14-0185036		
Date Assigned:	11/12/2014	Date of Injury:	07/27/2000
Decision Date:	12/19/2014	UR Denial Date:	10/03/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	11/05/2014

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 Neurology; has a subspecialty in Pain Medicine and is licensed to practice in Florida. 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:

5/7/14 note indicates the insured with sexual dysfunction. The insured is on chronic opioids. 6/19/14 note reports serum testosterone of 195 with normal being greater than 300. Treating physician recommended testosterone replacement therapy. The insured reports erectile difficulty and it is not helped with erectile aid of Viagra. The insured is reported to have hypogonadism.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

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

Axiron Gel 60mg: Overturned

Claims Administrator guideline: Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Opioids.

MAXIMUS guideline: Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Opioids Page(s): 110.

Decision rationale: MTUS supports testosterone supplement for insured if there is documented low laboratory with symptoms and / or signs. The medical records support low testosterone level with complaints of sexual dysfunction not responsive to erectile aids. As such the medical records support the use of supplement congruent with MTUS.