

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:

I reviewed the records provided including the therapy notes and the denial letter. The denial letter states that the claimant was denied additional therapy because they did not have a clear understand of what had transpired with this injured worker. They only had a physical therapy note and did not have a recent M.D. note. The records I have reviewed presents a very clear explanation of the history of this patient indicating that he was injured when a very heavy table of products (1500 pounds) fell on his leg, crushing his left lower extremity on xx/xx/xx. He was seen by Dr. and was treated with rest, ointment, and crutches. Ultimately, he was seen by Dr. and was referred for 12 treatments of therapy.

ANALYSIS AND EXPLANATION OF THE DECISION INCLUDE CLINICAL BASIS. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS USED TO SUPPORT THE DECISION. IF THERE WAS ANY DIVERGENCE FROM DWC'S POLICIES/GUIDLEINES OR THE NETWORK'S TREATMENT GUIDELINES, THEN INDICATE BELOW WITH EXPLANATION.

First of all, therapy treatments focused on the open wound and wound healing, which ultimately necessitated the use of wound VAC, which was successful. Now the patient is ready to resume range of motion and strengthening treatment and has been reevaluated by Dr., who concurs. Therefore, this patient meets medical necessity and is within the ODG guidelines. It is reasonable and appropriate (consistent with his left ankle fracture and medial malleolus fracture with a previous open wound) for him to have wound management completed before aggressive range of motion can be performed so that the wound will stay closed. Now, essentially this patient will receive strengthening range of motion and hope he can return to a normal gait pattern and to work in the near future.

A DESCRIPTION AND THE SOURCE OF THE SCREENING CRITERIA OR OTHER CLINICAL BASIS USED TO MAKE THE DECISION:

XX MEDICAL JUDGEMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS

XX ODG- OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES