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NOTICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW DECISION

DATE OF REVIEW:

Jul/11/2009

IRO CASE #:

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE:

Left Shoulder Arthroscopy with Subacromial Debridement

DESCRIPTION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR EACH PHYSICIAN OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO REVIEWED THE DECISION:

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)
Board Certified in Orthopaedic Surgery
Fellowship Training in Upper Extremities

REVIEW OUTCOME:

Upon independent review, the reviewer finds that the previous adverse determination/adverse determinations should be:

Upheld (Agree)

Overturned (Disagree)

Partially Overturned (Agree in part/Disagree in part)

INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE IRO FOR REVIEW

OD Guidelines
Denial Letters 6/8/09, 6/18/09, 6/12/09
MMI Eval 9/22/08
Dr. 1/21/09 thru 5/4/09
MRI 2/5/09
Diagnostics 2/13/09
X-Ray 3/30/09
OP Report 3/31/09

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY SUMMARY

The patient has work related injury to the neck and shoulder. He underwent a C6-7 ACDF for left L7 radiculopathy. The surgeon is now recommending shoulder decompression for continued symptoms of left shoulder pain despite cervical decompression and fusion.

ANALYSIS AND EXPLANATION OF THE DECISION INCLUDING CLINICAL BASIS, FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS USED TO SUPPORT THE DECISION

The requesting surgeon has not demonstrated the appropriate preoperative care required prior to the requested procedure. That is 3 months of physical therapy directed toward the shoulder and a diagnostic subacromial anesthetic injection. The surgeon does not document an adequate shoulder examination. The request is not medically reasonable or necessary.

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

ACOEM-AMERICA COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE UM KNOWLEDGEBASE

AHCPR-AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH & QUALITY GUIDELINES

DWC-DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION POLICIES OR GUIDELINES

EUROPEAN GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN

INTERQUAL CRITERIA

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

MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES

ODG-OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES

PRESSLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR

TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE & PRACTICE PARAMETERS

TEXAS TACADA GUIDELINES

TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL

PEER ERVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)

OTHER EVIDENCE BASED, SCIENTIFICALLY VALID, OUTCOME FOCUSED GUIDELINES (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)