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NOTICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW DECISION

DATE OF REVIEW: Feb/11/2011

IRO CASE #:

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE:

Urinalysis, 81000/Office Visit, Extremity Study 93924, 93923 and Penis Study, 54240

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

MD, Board Certified Internal Medicine

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)

The reviewer finds that medical necessity exists for Urinalysis, 81000/Office Visit.

The reviewer finds that medical necessity does not exist for Penis Study, 54240.

The reviewer finds that medical necessity does not exist for Extremity Study 93924, 93923.

INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE IRO FOR REVIEW

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY SUMMARY

The patient was injured in a motor vehicle crash (MVC) in xxxx. He sustained multi-trauma with several surgical procedures. He presented to a urologist for evaluation of erectile dysfunction (ED) that began after the MVC. Urinalysis was normal. He has been referred for several studies. The records do not document a trial of oral therapy for treatment of ED.

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

Office urinalysis is normal. It is my understanding the urinalysis was performed in the office, and this would be medically necessary for the evaluation of the claimant's ED. The reviewer finds that medical necessity exists for Urinalysis, 81000/Office Visit.

Penile study (penile plethysmography) is not indicated at this time. This test may be useful in the evaluation of a patient who has failed oral therapy for ED. However, it does not appear that oral therapy has been attempted in this patient, and therefore this test is not indicated at the present time. The reviewer finds that medical necessity does not exist for Penis Study,

54240.

Extremity studies are not indicated in this patient. Although he had a significant trauma, there is no evidence in the history and physical for the presence of peripheral vascular disease. Vascular testing may be useful in the evaluation of a patient who has failed oral therapy for ED. However, it does not appear that oral therapy has been attempted and this test is not indicated at this time. The reviewer finds that medical necessity does not exist for Extremity Study 93924, 93923.

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 REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)

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