



IRO REVIEWER REPORT – WC

DATE OF REVIEW:

06/06/16

IRO CASE #:

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE

Right Ankle Scope with synovectomy to include codes 29898, 27680.

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

Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery

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)

Provide a description of the review outcome that clearly states whether or not medical necessity exists for each of the health care services in dispute:

- Right Ankle Scope with synovectomy to include codes 29898, 27680 - Upheld

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:

Claimant injured her right ankle while at work on XX/XX/XX. She slipped and twisted her right ankle. She has received conservative treatment to include medications, DME, diagnostics MRI, and restricted duty. Most recent diagnosis is peroneal tendinitis right leg and tenosynovitis/synovitis of the right ankle.

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

The previous Peer Reviews that recommended the requested procedure as not indicated note rationale that the claimant has not exhausted appropriate conservative treatment, and the medical records provided for my review continue to fail to document the claimant having a course of physical therapy and/or having corticosteroid injection. Therefore, the request is not medically necessary within Official Disability Guidelines, which do recommend conservative treatment prior to considering arthroscopic surgery with synovectomy of the ankle.

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

- MEDICAL JUDGMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS**
- ODG - OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES**