



## IRO REVIEWER REPORT – WC

**DATE OF REVIEW:** 02/09/16

**IRO CASE #:**

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE**

Right Sacroiliac Joint Injection

### **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 Sacroiliac Joint Injection – Upheld

### **PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:**

This is female who sustained an injury while picking up and trying to load an X, and she slipped and felt a pain in her back on XX/XX/XX. The claimant is employed at XX as a X. As a result of the failure of care for her condition, she has a spinal cord stimulator.

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

There are subjective complaints, but no objective findings on examination. As of XX/XXXX, sacroiliac joint injection is not recommended as a diagnostic test as there is no further definitive treatment that can be recommended based on any diagnostic

information potentially rendered. Sacroiliac joint injection is not recommended as a therapeutic procedure as there is insufficient evidence for support. Therefore, based on the ODG, at this time the requested injection would not be indicated and the previous non-certifications are upheld.

**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**