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IRO REVIEWER REPORT

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IRO CASE #: XXXX

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE:

Home health aide 12 hours a day, 7 days per week for 6 months (2184 hours)

A DESCRIPTION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR EACH PHYSICIAN OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO REVIEWED THE DECISION: Physical Medicine & Rehab

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:

This case involves a now XX-year-old XX with a history of an occupational claim from XXXX. The mechanism of injury was detailed as the patient experiencing an XXXX while at work. This resulted in a diagnosis of a burn of over 78% of XX body which resulted in bilateral transradial amputations. In the clinical note dated XXXX, it was noted that the patient was XX. In the clinical note dated XXXX, it was noted that the patient was in need of medications and a prescription to renew XX XX. The patient reported no changes. The patient was wearing bilateral upper extremity myoelectric prosthesis and move all of XX extremities as before. It was reported that the patient had diminished activities of daily living. In the clinical note dated XXXX, it was noted that the patient had a home XX. The patient required an aide 12 hours a day to help with XX activities of daily living. Simple tasks such as buttoning bread, picking up tiny object off the floor, buttoning clothes, tying shoes, or any other activity living were extremely difficult. It was reported that the patient required an aid to help XX function daily. It was reported that the patient could not get the prosthesis wet and could not wash XX own dishes. The treatment plan included for the patient to receive a home health aide for 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, for 6 months.

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

According to Official Disability Guidelines, Pain (Chronic), home health services are recommended on a short-term basis following major surgical procedures or in-patient hospitalization, to prevent hospitalization, or to provide longer-term in-home medical care and domestic care services for those whose condition is such that they would otherwise require inpatient care. The patient must also be homebound and have trouble leaving the home without help. The patient reportedly had XX for over XX. This care has not been on a short-term basis. There is also a lack of documentation regarding the patient being home bound. It was reported that the patient was able to drive. There is specific rationale for the home health aide in this case, though there is a lack of documentation of a recent occupational therapy assessment to determine the need for assistance with XX activities of daily living (vs. ways of adapting himself).

Therefore, the request for the home health aid is seen as medically necessary and the prior determination is overturned. However, it would be reasonable to require a formal OT assessment prior to further approval of this service.

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

- ACOEM- AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE UM KNOWLEDGEBASE
- AHRQ- 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 JUDGMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS
- MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES
- MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES
- ODG- OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES
- OTHER EVIDENCE BASED, SCIENTIFICALLY VALID, OUTCOME FOCUSED GUIDELINES (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)
- PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)
- PRESLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR
- TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE & PRACTICE PARAMETERS
- TEXAS TACADA GUIDELINES
- TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL

Official Disability Guidelines (ODG), Treatment Index, 16th Edition (web), 2018, Pain (Chronic), Home health services