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DATE OF REVIEW: JULY 18, 2018

IRO CASE #: XXXX

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE

Medical necessity of proposed Right Knee Genicular nerve block (64450)

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

This case was reviewed by a Medical Doctor licensed by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. The reviewer specializes in Anesthesiology and Pain Management and is engaged in the full time practice of medicine.

REVIEW OUTCOME

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

☐ Upheld (Agree)

XX Overturned (Disagree)

☐ Partially Overturned (Agree in part/Disagree in part)

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:

The patient is a XX who was injured by XX on XX. Per the exam noted XX there is a history of chronic pain and joint arthralgia. The patient is currently using pain medications XX and XX. Other modalities have been tried along with Physical therapy and have failed.

ANALYSIS AND EXPLANATION OF THE DECISION INCLUDE CLINICAL BASIS, FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS USED TO SUPPORT THE DECISION. IF THERE WAS ANY DIVERGENCE FROM DWC'S POLICIES/GUIDELINES OR THE NETWORK'S TREATMENT GUIDELINES, THEN INDICATE BELOW WITH EXPLANATION.

The genicular nerve block is reasonable to try as a means to ease the Right knee pain. Other modes of therapy have not worked for the patient. Nerve blocks are an easy and affordable way to alleviate pain and increase mobility for a better quality of life for the patient. Therefore, the genicular nerve block is deemed as medically necessary.

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

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

XX ODG- OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES

XX PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (Genicular
Nerve studies published in PubMed at NCBI and Article, Clinical Pain Advisors)