

October 18, 2002

Re: Medical Dispute Resolution  
MDR #: M5.02.2860.01  
IRO Certificate No.: IRO 5055

Dear

IRI has performed an independent review of the medical records of the above-named case to determine medical necessity. In performing this review, IRI reviewed relevant medical records, any documents provided by the parties referenced above, and any documentation and written information submitted in support of the dispute.

The independent review was performed by a matched peer with the treating health care provider. This case was reviewed by a physician who is certified in Chiropractic medicine.

Clinical History:

The records indicate this patient was injured on the job on 5/14/01. He was initially evaluated on 5/17/01. A treatment program was begun. Additional diagnostic testing as well as consultation with other healthcare providers was obtained.

Disputed Services:

Office visits, physical therapy and range of motion for period 7/09/01 through 12/17/01.

Decision:

The reviewer partially agrees with the determination of the insurance carrier in this case. All chiropractic treatment from 7/09/01 through 8/23/01 was medically necessary. In the reviewer's opinion chiropractic treatment from 9/01/01 through 12/17/01 was not medically necessary.

Rationale For Decision:

It is the reviewer's opinion that this amount of chiropractic treatment, almost four months after the initial injury, is excessive and not reasonable, customary or medically necessary based upon TWCC Treatment Guidelines and Rules that were in effect at the time of these dates of service.

I am the Secretary and General Counsel of Independent Review, Inc. and I certify that the reviewing healthcare professional in this case has certified to our organization that there are no known conflicts of interest that exist between him and any of the treating physicians or other health care providers or any of the physicians or other health care providers who reviewed this case for determination prior to referral to the Independent Review Organization.

Sincerely,