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EMPLOYEE CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:

Mechanism of injury:

The claimant is a X who was injured on X at work “X.”

X MRI Report by X, MD documented, “1. For the purposes of counting, the X. X. There is X. 2.X. Correlate clinically for X. Other nerves in the X. 3.X. The remaining X.”

Report Notes by X, DC, NP dated X documented the patient to present for determination whether X had reached maximum medical improvement from X on the job injury. Objective findings on exam included references to X visits at X from X to X. Also recorded was the claimant was seen on X at X and Dr. X recorded a X and prescribed X and referred X back to the orthopedic surgeon. Dr. X summary and recommendations were as follows: “The X is compensable. The X is compensable. The X is compensable. The carrier had previously accepted X as compensable. The X is not compensable. The X is not compensable. The examinee would have been returned to medium work long before the examination today if we rely on the MD Guidelines. I will fill out a DWC 73 for today’s date with a return to medium work. The examinee has not reached maximum medical improvement from X on the job injury. The estimated date for MMI is X. No treatment was provided during today’s consultation and examination.”

Pre-Authorization Request by X, MD dated X documented the request for “X has been recommended, the rational for this was discussed in detail. The X options were discussed...The usual pain level is X , functional impairment is X– the patient is aware of it when present but it doesn’t interfere with daily activities, the pain does not interfere with X. The pain is X. Since onset, the overall severity of the pain has moderately increased. Duration – since X.



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Initial pattern of development – steadily over a period of X year. Time when the problem is worse – none. This is not a recurrent problem; there has been only one this one episode or occurrence, characterized by intermittent X pain.” Dr. X documented objective findings included X.

Denial Letter from X denied the request for benefit coverage for X due to it has been determined that the health care service(s) requested does not meet established standards of medical necessity. Peer to Peer review dated X from X also documented, “this patient has a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) noting finding of contact the X. As such, the X is not appropriate.”

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

This is a X who was injured on X and diagnosed with X. The request is for coverage of a X.

According to ODG Treatment and Disability Guidelines, a X is indicated for patients who experience X that has been unresponsive to X. The X must be well documented by X findings on physical examination and corroborating imaging studies.

In this case, the submitted X MRI Report by X, MD dated X revealed a X was X; however, the objective findings documented by the treating provider do not support a diagnosis of X. There were no reported findings of X.

Therefore, based on the ODG guidelines, and the clinical documentation stated above, it is the professional medical opinion of this reviewer that the request for X is not medically necessary and appropriate.



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