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PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:

The patient is a X. X has had X pain with X. X was treated with X. At X pain management evaluation dated X, X is noted to have X pain with X. This is X. On exam X was noted to have decreased and painful X. X had a X. X had decreased X. X had decreased X. X of the X was done X and showed X. The request at this point is for X.

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

Per ODG references, the requested "X" for the patient" is medically necessary. The patient has X related to X noted on X that are consistent with X symptoms and X has objective physical exam findings that are consistent with this as well. X has had prior treatment with X. With all this, X meets the ODG criteria for X. The plan to do the different levels as separate procedures also is supported to assess which level(s) may be contributing to X symptoms. For these reasons the requested procedure should be certified.



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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 KNOWLEDGE BASE
AHCPR- 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 JUDGEMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS
MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES
MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES
ODG- OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES
PRESSLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR
TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE & PRACTICE PARAMETERS
TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL



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FOCUSED GUIDELINES