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PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]: The claimant is a X who was injured on X while X on the date of injury causing pain at the X. The claimant was referred for X per the X clinical report. At this evaluation, the physical exam noted pain over the X. There was pain with X. There were no reported findings at the X. The X MRI study noted a X or X. There was no mention of a X. The claimant was evaluated for X on X and recommended for X and X. The X clinical report noted the claimant was still attending therapy. The physical exam noted pain over the X with pain on X. The proposed X was denied as there was limited documentation of X with resulting X.

ANALYSIS AND EXPLANATION OF THE DECISION INCLUDE CLINICAL BASIS, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS USED TO SUPPORT THE DECISION: In review of the records, the claimant had X complaints at the X. The claimant's current physical exam findings were mostly consistent with X. There was no significant X noted on the last physical exam. Imaging of the X did not identify any particular pathology of the X. The MRI report referred to a X. This may have been a typo, but was not corrected in an addendum. There was also no

indication that the claimant had failed non-operative measures to include therapy. Given these issues, it is this reviewer's opinion that medical necessity for the surgical request is not indicated and the prior denials are upheld.

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

X MEDICAL JUDGMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS

X ODG- OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES