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DATE OF REVIEW: X

IRO CASE NO. X

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE

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

Physician Board Certified in X

REVIEW OUTCOME

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

X

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY SUMMARY

This is a X, DOI occurring X, when X took a X. MRI of the X was X. X has been treated with X. X also had an MRI of the X on X which showed X. X contributes to X. X are X. On X was referred to Dr. X for further evaluation of X by Dr. X, D.C. X exam found X. X test was X. X at X.X. X were X. Diagnosis of X. X: complains of increased X. X complains of X. There is X. X test. Decreased X.

Initial denial by Dr. X cited ODG and determined that examination and symptoms more consistent with X. Second review by Dr. X recommended a trial of X. A second appeal was submitted for X

Of X. Denial was upheld by Dr. X, who concluded that there is no documentation of recent X. There was evidence of X. Furthermore, X are not recommended without review of the response from the X.

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

Opinion: I agree with the benefit company's decision to deny the requested service.

Rationale: This review pertains to the need for X. ODG states that X may be indicated for the treatment of X when all of the following criteria are met: documentation of X. Patient's documented symptoms including X, which is per ODG, NOT an indication for X.

The requested service for X is not medically necessary for this patient.

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

ACOEM-AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL

MEDICINE UM KNOWLEDGE BASE

AHCPR-AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE 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 & EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS \underline{X}

MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES

ODG-OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES X

PRESSLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY

ASSURANCE & PRACTICE PARAMETERS

TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL

PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE DESCRIPTION)

OTHER EVIDENCE BASED, SCIENTIFICALLY VALID, OUTCOME FOCUSED GUIDELINES (PROVIDE DESCRIPTION)