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DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE: X

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

This case was reviewed by a Board-Certified Doctor of X.

REVIEW OUTCOME:

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

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Provide a description of the review outcome that clearly states whether medical necessity exists for each of the health care services in dispute.

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:

The claimant is a X. X diagnosis include X.

X: Progress Note X. **HPI:** Patient developed X. X has had X. X reports X. X has been referred to X. Patient is X. **Assessment:** Pain is X. Patient is X. Patient X. The X and X. **Plan:** Progress patient X.

X by X: **Impression:** X.

X: Re-evaluation and plan of care by X. **Assessment:** Patient has been X. Patient has been X. X show X. There is X and X. Patient has X. Patient X. Currently patient is X. Patient has X. Patient will benefit from X.

- X: MRI X, MD. Impression: X.
- X: UR performed by X MD. **Rationale for Denial:** As per the X. The claimant had X. Therefore, X is not medically necessary.
- X: UR performed by X, MD. Rationale for Denial: In this case, the claimant has had
- X. The treatment in X in the ODG 2020 X as part of X. Furthermore, it was unclear
- X. Therefore, the request for appeal X is not medically necessary.

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

The request for additional X is not approved.

This patient sustained a X. X has X. Additional X was recommended for this patient.

The Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) supports X. This patient has X. There are X.

The X is not medically necessary.

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 UM KNOWLEDGEBASE
AHRQ- 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 JUDGMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS
MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES
MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES
ODG- OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES
PRESLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR
TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE & PRACTICE PARAMETERS
TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL
PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)
OTHER EVIDENCE BASED, SCIENTIFICALLY VALID, OUTCOME FOCUSED GUIDELINES (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)