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# 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:

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## PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY SUMMARY

The patient is a X. X has a X. At a X office visit, Dr. X described X. All other X. The patient has had X. There was 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**: The two prior denials were based on X. I agree with those evaluations. The MRI shows X. On X there is X. Due to the X of MRI findings and radicular findings, evidence-based criteria are not met. The ODG for X have not been met; the requested service 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 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)