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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: 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]:

X who sustained an injury X. X was X. X was evaluated by X, MD on X for an X. X noted that X. X had X. The X. If X. There was X. Dr. X recommended X. Per a X that it was X. It was also X. This X. X was a X. In addition to X. X was also X. Because X. This X. The patient's X. The need to have X. X was a X. X and X. Based on the X and X. The treatment to date X. Per a utilization review decision letter dated X was denied by X MD. Rationale: "Based on the clinical information submitted for this review and using the evidence-based, peer-reviewed guidelines referenced below, this request is non-certified. Based on the clinical information provided, the claimant X. There are X. X and needs of the patient, additional information would be needed in X requested. Therefore, this reviewer would not recommend certification for the request." X wrote an appeal letter on X. X discussed the difficulties with X which was X. X reported X. X had X. X must X. X also X. The X. X attention was X. A X was recommended. This X had clinically demonstrated X. X would be provided to X. X would X. X also met the X. Per an X denial was upheld by X, MD. Rationale: "Per evidence-based guidelines, X. In this case, an appeal for

X. Given the presented X. Guidelines stated that prior authorization should be X.

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

X with X. Per a utilization review decision letter X. Said information was provided in an X. The X. While some of these X. Agree that these X. Particularly, how often does the X

The previous determination is overturned. The patient demonstrated a lifestyle that requires this X. Given the documentation available, the requested service(s) is considered 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

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

□ PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)

□ PRESLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR

□ TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE & PRACTICE PARAMETERS