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PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:

The patient is a X. X was injured X. It is documented that X was injured when X was X. Despite treatment, X complains of X. It is documented that has this is been present after X per X report.

X has had a difficult recovery from X. X cannot X. X reports X has pain that X. X has X. X reports a X.

Examination shows the X. There is reported X. X gross X is intact. It is noted X has painful X.

X treating provider feels that X may have developed X. It is stated that X symptoms X. Because of X symptoms, X testing is requested.

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

According to ODG, X are indicated if there is concern for X. This is due to the fact that there is a X.

In this case, claimant has X pain. Given that X is typically applied at the time of X, there is the possibility of a X. Due to X and X, it is necessary to rule out a X.

Therefore, the requested X studies would be considered medically necessary according to ODG.

The ODG Criteria state that the X should be performed first. The X is noted on the X.

Therefore, I have determined the requested authorization and coverage for X is medically necessary for treatment of the patient's medical condition.

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 INTERQUAL CRITERIA
- MEDICAL JUDGEMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS
- MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES
- MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES
- ODG- OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES
- 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)