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IRO REVIEWER REPORT

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IRO CASE #: X

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE: $\boldsymbol{\chi}$

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

The Reviewer is a Board 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 that was injured on X due to a X.

X: PT notes by X, PT. Reported that there was documentation of a X. There was documentation of X. Subjectively, there were X. Objectively there was an ability to X. The claimant received X.

X: UR performed by X, MD. Rationale for denial: The above reference does not support the consideration of treatment in the form of X as relates to the described medical situation. However, there has been a previous attempt at treatment in the form of X. The requested amount of X. Recommend non-certification.

X: UR performed by X, MD. Rationale for denial: The claimant received X. The provider noted improvement following X. However, the request for X. Furthermore, there is a lack of clear indication as to why the patient would X. As such, the request for X is non-certified.

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

The request for X is denied.

This patient injured X. X has X. An X have been recommended for X.

The Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) supports X. The ODG supports X.

There are X. This request exceeds the recommendations of the ODG.

The X are not medically necessary.

The request for X is found to be 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 |
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| 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

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

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