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Description of the service or services in dispute:  $\times$ 

Description of the qualifications for each physician or other health care provider who reviewed the decision: Board Certified X

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

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## Patient Clinical History (Summary)

X is a X who was injured on X and X. X and X. The diagnosis was X.

An X was conducted by X, MA, X. X presented with X. X had X. X was X. X admitted X, and X. X stated that X was X. X had X. On X was observed to have a X. X was X and X. The X and X of X was X. X was X and X. X described X and X. X was X. X also reported X. X had X. X denied X. X had X. X and X. X was X. X denied X at X. On this session, X. X was X. X was X. X was X. X was X.

On X was evaluated by X, DC for a X. X reported X with X. Associated symptoms were X. X stated that pain was X. X had previous denial of X. On examination, X. X was noted X and X. X had X. X. X of the X was noted. X was seen X due to X. X below the X. A X, MA, LPC dated X. X continued to X. X described a X. X could X. X was X. X was X. X still had X. On X was X. The X and X. X was X and X. X felt X. X was

X. X was X. X also reported X and X. X had X. X had X. X and X. X was X. X at X. On this session, X was X. X was X. X was X recommended to continue in an X. X was X; however, the X and X were not documented.

Treatment to date included X.

A X of the X. There was a X. There was X. There was X. X was observed X. There was X with X. An MRI of the X dated X. X resulted in X. X was X. X of the X was noted. X was X. X was X. A X, MD dated X revealed X. There was an X. There was an X.

On X, the request for X, was non-certified. Rationale: "Based on the clinical information submitted for this review and using the evidencebased, peer-reviewed guidelines referenced above, this request is noncertified. Guidelines do not support X. The patient had a X. There is X to support a medical need to continue. Telephone contact was established with the office of Dr. X. It is stated the evaluations between X are X. There is X to determine X. The notes X and there is X. The X which does X. The records do X from the X.

On X, the appeal request for X, was non-certified. Rationale: "After careful review of all available information, our Specialty Advisor has determined that the X does not meet medical necessity guidelines. The principal reason for the determination for non-certification is as follows: The X is not consistent with our clinical review criteria. Based on the clinical information submitted for this review and using the evidence-based, peer-reviewed guidelines referenced above, this request is non-certified. Per evidence-based guidelines, X are recommended, and the X if required by X. In this case, new clinical information was received and acknowledging the X. X which helped, that X was X. X as a X as defined by the X. It would require X. The X of X on X and X. Please note that X current X. On X. X current X, initially at X. X was X. X with X. X was X. X was X. X was

X. X was X. X also reported X. An appeal request was made for X. The X of X return to X. X needed X and X so that X would be more X. X also needed to X. Nevertheless, there were X. This is for X of the patient's X. Therefore, the efficacy could not be clearly established, and the prior determination is upheld.

Analysis and Explanation of the Decision include Clinical Basis, Findings and Conclusions used to support the decision. The Official Disability Guidelines discusses criteria for X. A prior physician review noted that medical records do X. Additional information to clarify the goals and rationale for continuing such a X. Without further details in this regard, the request is not supported as medically necessary at this time.

## A description and the source of the screening criteria or other clinical basis used to make the decision:

- ACOEM-America College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
- AHRQ-Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Guidelines
- **DWC-Division of Workers Compensation**
- Policies and Guidelines European Guidelines for Management of **Chronic Low Back Pain**
- Intergual Criteria
- Medical Judgment, Clinical Experience, and expertise in accordance with accepted medical standards  $\checkmark$
- Mercy Center Consensus Conference Guidelines
- Milliman Care Guidelines
- $\checkmark$ **ODG-Official Disability Guidelines and Treatment Guidelines**
- Pressley Reed, the Medical Disability Advisor
- Texas Guidelines for Chiropractic Quality Assurance and 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)