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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 Board Certified 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.

X: Patient progress and staffing notes. The patient's X. On objective examination, the patient had X. The patient had difficulty performing X due to X and X and X and X to X. X reported that the was X.

X: UR performed by X, MD. Rationale for denial: Based on the clinical information submitted for this review and using the evidence-based peer reviewed guidelines, this request is non-certified. Treatment is not suggested for X and significant X as documented by subjective and objective gains.

X: UR performed by X, MD. Rationale for denial: Based on the clinical information submitted for this review and using the evidence-based peer reviewed guidelines, this request is non-certified. Treatment with X can be continued if there is X.

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

Based on the clinical information submitted for this review and using the evidencebased peer reviewed guidelines, this request is non-certified. Treatment is not suggested for X. There must be X. This has not been sufficiently demonstrated.

Therefore, the request for X is found to be not medically certified.

### 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

PRESLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR

## TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE & PRACTICE PARAMETERS

PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)

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