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### **DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE:**

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

MD, 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 patient is a X. X was X. Treatment to date includes X. The patient is X. X dated X indicates that the X. The patient X. The patient X. X dated X indicates that current X. The patient reports X. Pain is rated as X. X is X. X is X and X. The initial request for X was non-certified noting that per ODG, "At the X. Prior to X should clearly indicate the necessity for the type of program required, and providers should determine upfront which program their patients would benefit more from. A X be considered a X, but prior X or X if otherwise indicated." In this case the patient X in late X. There are no documented extenuating circumstances to support an exception to the guidelines. Appeal note indicates that the patient X. On the X it was noted that the patient's X and the X. This shows an X. Patient

has X. This is a X and ODG states if something has changed, or if patient has had X, a X to get to a X. Patient has X. The denial was upheld on appeal noting that the documentation indicates that the patient X. While the claimant has since had a X, there is no explanation why the claimant requires a repeat of the same program for the X rather than X. ODG states at the conclusion and subsequently, neither X The provider has not provided any new clinical findings or compelling information to justify overturning the prior adverse determination or deviating from the guides.

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

Based on the clinical information provided, the request for X is not recommended as medically necessary, and the previous non-certifications are upheld. The patient X in late X. Current evidence-based guidelines do not support reenrollment in or repetition of the same or similar X. The patient is X. The length of X is a X of X in the program. There is no documentation of X. There is X. Therefore, medical necessity is not medically necessary in accordance with current evidence based guidelines.

## A DESCRIPTION AND THE SOURCE OF THE SCREENING CRITERIA OR OTHER CLINICAL BASIS USED TO MAKE THE DECISION:

X MEDICAL JUDGMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS