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

X

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

X

**REVIEW OUTCOME**

Upon independent review the reviewer finds that the previous adverse determination/adverse determinations should be:

X

**INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE IRO FOR REVIEW**

X

**PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY SUMMARY**

Patient's requested service, X, was non certified by Dr. X in the initial denial letter, X. X felt that X should be tried for X. The second non certification from Dr. X, was upheld, with Dr. X recommending X.

Clinical notes from Doctor X, X, were reviewed beginning in X. At that time patient reported X. X presented with X. Dr. X noted that the patient had X. On exam X had X.

## **PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY SUMMARY** (continuation)

X performed X revealed X. MRI of the X performed X revealed X. X was also noted to have X.

Patient was seen again by Dr. X on X, X, X, X, X, X, and additional visits from X until X by Dr. X. X was then referred to a X as well as X. Patient was also X.

Patient then saw Dr. X on X. X chief complaint was of X. X was noted to have X. X was diagnosed with X. It was recommended X under go X.

Patient also saw Dr. X on X for X, comments on diagnosis X. Dr. X agreed with the decision to X.

The patient again saw Dr. X on X, exam was unchanged; x-ray showed X. X was recommended.

X on X performed X showed X.

Followup visit with Dr. X on X, X was recommended.

Summary: X, injuring X on X. Patient was seen by X and treated with X. No X documented. Patient did not receive X. Exam shows X. The recommendation is X. The patient has not had X.

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

**Opinion:** I agree with the benefit company's decision to deny the requested service.

**Rationale:** I feel the patient has X, not caused by X. I also feel the patient should have X.

The requested service is not necessary at this time for this patient.

**DESCRIPTION AND SOURCE OF THE SCREENING CRITERIA OR OTHER CLINICAL BASIS USED TO MAKE THE DECISION**

ACOEM-AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE UM KNOWLEDGE BASE

AHCPR-AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE RESEARCH & QUALITY GUIDELINES

DWC-DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION POLICIES OR GUIDELINES

EUROPEAN GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN

INTERQUAL CRITERIA

**DESCRIPTION AND SOURCE OF THE SCREENING CRITERIA OR OTHER CLINICAL BASIS USED TO MAKE THE DECISION**

(continuation)

**MEDICAL JUDGEMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS X**

MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES

**ODG-OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT  
GUIDELINES X**

PRESSLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR

TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY  
ASSURANCE & PRACTICE PARAMETERS

TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL

PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL  
LITERATURE (PROVIDE DESCRIPTION)

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