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## Notice of Independent Review Decision

### 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

Physician Board Certified in 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

This is a X with history of a X related injury in X with diagnoses of X, X, X, X, and X. Prior treatment included X, X, X, X, and X. Patient has X history of X, X, X, X, X. X on X showed X with X and evidence of previous X and X.

Request was made for a X. This request was denied due to ODG last updated X which does not recommend X and is considered X, X or unproven by some commercial carriers. There is insufficient evidence to support the safety and effectiveness of X.

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

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

**Rationale:** This review pertains to the need for X. This request was denied due to information in ODG guidelines last updated X which does not recommend X and is considered unproven by some carriers. There is insufficient evidence to support the safety and effectiveness of X for any indication and **is not medically necessary 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

**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)