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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]:**

X who was injured on X when X was X. The diagnoses were X and other X. On X was evaluated by X, MD for X and X. X presented for X. The X and X. It was X. It was X and X. Associated X. X admitted to X. X admitted to X. X also admitted to X, and X and X. Examination noted a X. X and X and X and X. An X and X. X was X, which X. A X and X. There is X. There was X. X of the X. X was X. There was X. There was X. X or X. There were X and X. Treatment to date X. Per a utilization review adverse determination letter dated X, the request for X, as an X was noncertified by Dr. X. Rationale: "It is unclear why there is a request for X. Although there are X reveals X. Specifically, there is X. X of a X, this request for X."

An appeal letter from Dr. X was documented on X. It was noted that X presented with X. X had X by X. Dr. X recommended X. The request was to X. Per a reconsideration review adverse determination letter dated X, the prospective request for X was noncertified by X, MD. Rationale: "There are X; however, the most recent X, dated X. There were X present to X. Considering these X, this request is not medically necessary."

**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 denials are upheld. There is X and the previous non-certifications are upheld. There are X. X notes X. X is X. X is X.

Therefore, medical necessity is not established 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:**

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

- PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)
- PRESLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR
- TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE & PRACTICE PARAMETERS
- TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL