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

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

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#### INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE IRO FOR REVIEW:

X

#### **PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:**

X who X. X and X. X was X was seen by X, MD on X and X. On X presented for a X. X continued to X. On examination, X. There was X. X was noted. X was X. There was a X. On X presented for X. X continued to X. The X. Treatment to date included X. Per an Adverse Determination letter dated X, the request for X and X was denied by X, MD. X spoke with X. X stated X didn't X. X asked X. The X had a X and also X. X did X report from Dr. X, Dr. X noted that the X. There was X. The X is not medically necessary. The patient was documented by Dr. X as having a X. Also, Dr. X noted a X. That X should be X. The X are not medically necessary. Recommended non-certification." Per a Utilization Review decision letter dated X, the request for X was denied. X: "Peer-to-Peer was attempted but not established. As stated in the previous review this claimant is currently pending a X. This may provide additional information X. Additionally, it is unclear to what X. As such, this request is not medically necessary. Recommend non-certification."

## 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 an X is not recommended as medically necessary and the previous denials are upheld. There is X, and the previous non-certifications are upheld. The submitted X. Note dated X indicates that the X. There X. There 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
$\ \square$ DWC- DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION POLICIES OR GUIDELINES
$\hfill \square$ European Guidelines for management of Chronic Low back pain
☐ INTERQUAL CRITERIA
☐ 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)
$\square$ 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