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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: 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

## [SUMMARY]:

$X$ with a date of injury of $X$. $X$ sustained a $X$. $X$ was $X$. $X$ was diagnosed with $X$. $X$ was seen by $X, M D / X, M D$ on $X$ for a $X$ follow-up regarding a $X$ and $X$. $X$ stated that $X$ request for $X$ was denied. Overall, $X$ was better on $X$. $X$ reported $X$ with $X$ and $X$. $X$ continued to report $X$. $X$ had $X$ and $X$. $X$ continued to have $X$. Examination revealed $X$ and $X, X, X$, and $X$. Treatment to date included $X, X, X, X$, and $X, X$, and $X$. Per a utilization review decision letter dated $X$, the request for $X$ between $X$ and $X$ was denied by $X$, DO. Rationale: "Regarding $X$, the ODG does not recommend $X$. $X$ is defined as at least $X$, at $X$ with or without Proceeding with $X$ does not appear to be $X$. The claimant reports $X$ with use of $X$, however, the cited guidelines do not recommend this as a $X$. There is no documentation reporting $X$ for the treatment of $X$. This request was previously non-certified in reviews $X$ and
$X$ for the same reason. Based upon this, the prospective request for $X$ is noncertified." Per an adverse determination letter dated $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{X}$ between X and X was denied by $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{DO}$. Rationale: "The ODG do not recommend X , if there is a confirmed diagnosis of $X$, and $X$ for $X$, this $X$ may be $X$. There should be documentation of at least $X$. $X$ is one of $X$. $X$ are not indicated at this time. It appears that this $X$ has been effective for the claimant and it is not $X$ used for $X$. However, there was no documentation of $X$. A request for this $X$ was non-certified in review X . Based on this X , the prospective request for X is non-certified." Per a Utilization Review decision letter dated $X$, the request for $X$ between $X$ and $X$ was denied by X, MD. Rationale: "The Official Disability Guidelines do not recommend $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{X}$, as X . It is recommended as a X after X with X if there is a confirmed diagnosis of $X$. There should be documentation of at least $X$ use with a $X$. $X$ is $X$. The claimant reports $X$ however, the cited guidelines do not recommend this as a $X$. There is no documentation reporting $X$. This request was previously non-certified in reviews $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{X}$, and X for the same reason. Based upon this, the request for X is non-certified.

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

X is a X for the X . After reviewing the clinical records, medical necessity is established. Per X : " X as a X for X resulted in a X than X ." "In this $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{X}$ randomly assigned patients with $X$. "The percentage of patients with a $X$." Per X : " $X$ reduces the need for $X$ use in patients with $X$." "In this $X, X$." " $X$ reduces the need for $X$ and $X$ use in patients with $X$." The patient has $X$ multiple other $X$. There is a valid scientific and medical basis for the requested treatment and evidence that the requested service is $X$ for this individual under these circumstances. $X$ is medically necessary for this patient's condition.

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

$\square$ ACOEM- AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL \& ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE UM KNOWLEDGEBASE
$\square$ AHRQ- AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH \& QUALITY GUIDELINES
$\square$ DWC- DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION POLICIES OR GUIDELINES
$\square$ EUROPEAN GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN
$\square$ INTERQUAL CRITERIA
凹 MEDICAL JUDGMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS
$\square$ MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES
$\square$ MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES
® ODG- OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES \& TREATMENT GUIDELINES
$\square$ OTHER EVIDENCE BASED, SCIENTIFICALLY VALID, OUTCOME FOCUSED GUIDELINES (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)
$\square$ PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)
$\square$ PRESLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR
$\square$ TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE \& PRACTICE PARAMETERS
$\square$ TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL

