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IRO Certificate #X

Notice of Independent Review Decision

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE

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:

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INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE IRO FOR REVIEW X

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY SUMMARY

Patient is a X who sustained a X injury X. X submitted a request for a X with X for the X submitted by Dr. X and has been denied as being medically unnecessary.

Peer review of X denied request due to patient not having received X for X as recommended by ODG.

Peer review dated X also denied request due to lack of detailed evidence of X for X.

X performed X by Dr. X. X findings at that time were X in the X after patient experienced X. X immediately felt a X in X as well as X. X experiences X and X with X, X. Patient had a X. X had X of X and X with X. X is diagnosed with X. The X was X with X; X has X.

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY SUMMARY (continued)

Progress note X by Dr. X; patient had X with X; X has continued with X.

X, X, patient treated with X.

Progress note, X, Dr. X, findings the same as in previous exam. X was treated with X and X and has continued to be X.

Initial visit with Dr. X, X. Presents with X. X over the X, X, X, X and X - X. Dr. X recommended X and X and continuing to be X.

Progress note, X, by Dr. X, patient once again advised to have X.

X of the X, X, dated X, read by Dr. X, revealed X.

X of the X, X, read by Dr. X, study turned out to be X.

Summary: X who began having X, X, treated with X, X, X, and treated with X. Patient did not notice X. Patient seen by Dr. X, X, recommended X and X of 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 (s).

Rationale: I agree that the patient needs X of X before considering X. Treatment with X into X are recommended. The requested service: "X as requested by X, M.D. X of X. X" is denied as medical necessity has not been established.

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

MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES

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

(continuation)

ODG-OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES \underline{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)