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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**

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]:**

The patient is a X with reported history of injury on X resulting in X with X to include X. Per the provided medical records, the patient's X. Previous treatment has included X, X use, X and X. X documented an X, X in the X, and X. X of the X dated X demonstrated X and X with X, which could produce a X as well as X.

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

The patient is a X with a X with a history of X and X that include X. Per the medical records, there was an injury in X and treatment has included at X, X use and X. X of X dated X shows X as well as X with X at the X of the X that could produce X, furthermore there is evidence of X. The provided medical records do not clearly indicate that X treatment has been attempted for least X nor provide documentation of response to nonoperative treatment. X documented within the provided medical records indicated an X, X in the X and X.

Official disability guidelines (ODG) indicate that indications for X include X for X, X and X or X: X resulting from a defined injury; X of X treatment including X, X and X; X including X/X and/or X and/or X; X, X, and X; X which correlates with the above; X or X and X in X or X; age under X; X; and X should be demonstrated with X and questionable or borderline cases.

In this case, the official disability guidelines indications for the X have not been met as the X is X, the X evaluation of X demonstrates intermediate X or X, there is insufficient documentation indicating that at least X of X has been attempted with X and there is no evidence of a X providing temporary relief X of symptoms. Based upon the standard, the requested X for the X is not considered medically necessary.

Therefore, X have determined that authorization and coverage for procedure X with X and X – X – X are not medically necessary for treatment of this patient's condition.

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**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 JUDGEMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE  
AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED  
MEDICAL STANDARDS**
- MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE  
GUIDELINES**
- MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES**
- ODG- OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES &  
TREATMENT GUIDELINES**
- 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 A DESCRIPTION):**
- OTHER EVIDENCE BASED, SCIENTIFICALLY  
VALID, OUTCOME  
FOCUSED GUIDELINES (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)**