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Notice of Independent Review Decision

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DATE OF REVIEW: X

IRO CASE NO. X

<u>DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE</u>

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

This is a X with a history of X, X, with diagnosis of X due to X. X was diagnosed with X on X: "X to X". New X were recommended by an X. Request was placed for X of X with X. Request was denied due to "the most recent X noted in X, does not identify use of X. Assessment of known X does not support a medical need for

X of X. Additional guidelines allow consideration of X at every X interval regardless of X between X and X".

Appeal letter by Dr. X notes that patient X stating X last X was over X. No additional documentation was submitted noting X in X, response to previous X, and why another X was necessary.

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

ANALYSIS AND EXPLANATION OF THE DECISION INCLUDE CLINICAL BASIS, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS USED TO SUPPORT THE DECISION (continued)

Rationale: This review pertains to the request for X.

The request was denied due to no documentation from the X about X with X current X. The report *does* state that "individual testing with X and without X" was done; however, this documentation was not part of my review information. **IF** such documentation is submitted to show the inadequacy of X current X to treat the X noted on the X (need to show deficits with X current X on), the request could be certified.

At this time, the request for X is **not medically necessary.**(Amended for incomplete description of requested service)

(NOTE:) The IRO submitted to reviewer all X records and/or charts that were available to them from both the benefit company and treating physician).

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

MEDICAL JUDGEMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS \underline{X}

MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES

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)