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Notice of Independent Review Decision

A description of the qualifications for each physician or other health care provider who reviewed the decision:

X

Description of the service or services in dispute:

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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 whose date of injury is X. The patient's X began after a X with a X. The patient was diagnosed with X, X, and other X. Treatment to date includes X, X, X and X. Per reviewed records, this patient sustained an injury on X and was diagnosed with X, X, and other X. X dated X shows at X the X to X with X. X than X with X and X. At X, there is X with X. X without X. A visit note dated X by X, NP/X, MD, notes complaints of X, X and X. The current pain is rated at X. There are X of X as well as X. Patient has X, X and X, X, X, X, X, X and X. Previous treatments include X, X, X and X. X is gradually X since the last evaluation. Symptoms X in the X than the X, X than the X. The X examination notes X, X. X without X or X. Examination of the X reveals X, X, X or X. The X examination note X in the X, X, X and X. X, X, A, and X is X. X test is X. X are X and X and X with X. The X examination notes X to the X, X, X and X. X is X in all X, X. X is noted to have X with X at X. Diagnosis includes X with X. Current X are X and X.

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 X at the X; X or X and X by on-call X is not recommended as medically necessary and the previous denials are upheld. The previous denial notes that, "The request for X at X is not recommended per ODG. ODG recommends X not above X. In addition, X is not recommended. Medical necessity is not established. Therefore, the request for an X; X or X and X by On-Call X is non-certified and upheld." Appeal denial notes, "ODG by mcg states "Conditionally recommended at a level X on a case-by-case basis as a X for X, X, and/or X that results in X(defined as X to a X that typically causes X, X, and/or X in the part of the X that is supplied with the X from that X), when used in X with X efforts. X is not recommended. Not routinely recommended for determining X during a procedure such as X. X is not generally recommended. When required for X, a patient should X." ODG by mcg regarding X states "X may be recommended when X/X suggests significantly X of the X, and X beyond available X or X is required."

Based on the documentation provided and per the guidelines, the requested X is not considered medically necessary in this case. Guidelines do not recommend the X in the X since there have not been X enough studies to support efficacy and safety. There is no indication to X from guideline recommendations noted. Additionally since the procedure is not recommended neither is X and X is not supported. Therefore, this request is not certified." There is insufficient information to support a change in determination, and the previous non-certifications are upheld. The Official Disability Guidelines note that X is not recommended in the X. X is not recommended X. Additionally, guidelines note that X is not routinely recommended for determining X during a procedure such as X. X may be recommended when X/X history suggests significantly X of the X, and X of X beyond available X or X is required. 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-America College of Occupational and Environmental				
	Medicine um knowledgebase AHRQ-Agency for Healthcare				
	Research and Quality Guidelines				
	DWC-Division of Workers Compensation				
	Policies and Guidelines European				
	Guidelines for Management of Chronic Low				
	Back Pain Internal Criteria				
	Medical Judgment, Clinical Experience, and expertise in accordance				
	with accepted medical standards Mercy Center Consensus				
	Conference Guidelines				
	Milliman Care Guidelines				
	ODG-Official Disability Guidelines and				
	Treatment Guidelines Pressley Reed,				
	the Medical Disability Advisor				
	Texas Guidelines for Chiropractic Quality Assurance				
	and Practice Parameters TMF Screening Criteria				
	Manual				
	Peer Reviewed Nationally Accepted Médical Literature (Provide a description)				
	Other evidence based, scientifically valid, outcome focused guidelines (Provide a description)				