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Notice of Independent Medical Review Decision

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE OR SERVICES IN DISPUTE

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A DESCRIPTION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR EACH PHYSICIAN OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO REVIEWED THE DECISION

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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 patient is a X who was being treated for a X. The patient's past medical history X. X history was X. The notes provided for review indicate that X.

ANALYSIS AND EXPLANATION OF THE DECISION INCLUDE

<u>CLINICAL BASIS, FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS USED TO</u> <u>SUPPORT THE DECISION.</u>

The X physician consultant explained that the X. The X of the X.

The X designated X exam noted X dated X with X. X is noted of the X dated X. The patient noted X. The examination revealed X. X was X. The Patient was noted to have X.

The X treating physician report X. The examination revealed X. The X was X. X test X. The treatment plan included X.

The X physician consultant noted that the Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) state X. Patient Selection Criteria for X."

The X physician consultant indicated that this patient was being treated for X. The Patient presented with X. The examination revealed X. The X was X. X test X.

However, detailed X. Additionally, the X do not corroborate X. Detailed X. In addition, a X screen is X. The ODG Guideline criteria X. There is X.

Therefore, X have determined that coverage for the requested X.

<u>A DESCRIPTION AND THE SOURCE OF THE SCREENING</u> <u>CRITERIA OR OTHER CLINICAL BASIS USED TO MAKE THE</u> <u>DECISION:</u>

□ 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:

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□ 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)