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Notice of Independent Review Decision

#### **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: 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:

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### PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:

X who was injured on X. The mechanism of injury was noted to be X. The diagnosis was X. On X, X was seen by X. MD for a follow up. X was X. X reported X. X reported that X. X reported that the X. X reported that X. X was not X. Examination of the X. X over the X was noted. Per a X note by X, X dated X, X reported significant improvement in X. On examination, X. Minimally X was noted. X was noted to be X. X was observed as X. There was X. Treatment to date included medications X. Per a utilization review adverse determination letter and medical review by X, DO dated X, the request for X: "ODG by X, X: Approval of the program should include evidence of a X. This X examination should include the following components: (a)X; (b)X; (c)X; (d)X; (e)X. Screening should include X to determine if the patient has X. The testing should also be X. Development of the X. (3) X demands: X. There is X. As such, the

request is X. "An appeal letter dated X, "X" (X) submitted an appeal on behalf of our X. X believed that there was X. Per a reconsideration review adverse determination letter and peer review report by X, MD dated X, the request for X. Rationale: "The request for X. X and requirements are X. X evaluation is not provided. As such, it is not possible to determine the need for X. X discussed the case with X, X. X explained that both the X. Therefore, the request X The ODG conditionally recommends X. The program timeline should not exceed X. In this case, the X underwent a X. The treatment has since included X. The documentation does not indicate that there is a X. The provided information is X. Based on the available information, X.

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

The ODG conditionally recommends X. The program timeline should X. In this case, the X underwent a X. The treatment has since included X. The documentation does not indicate that there is a X. Furthermore, the documentation suggests that they are X. The provided information is X. Based on the available information, X.

## 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
$\ \square$ DWC- DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION POLICIES OR GUIDELINES
☐ EUROPEAN GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN
☐ INTERQUAL 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 & TREATMENT GUIDELINES
☐ OTHER EVIDENCE BASED, SCIENTIFICALLY VALID, OUTCOME FOCUSED GUIDELINES (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)

$\square$ PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A
DESCRIPTION)
$\square$ PRESLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR
$\square$ TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE & PRACTICE
PARAMETERS
☐ TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL