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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:

X

**INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE IRO FOR REVIEW: X**

**PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:** X who was injured on X. The biomechanics of injury was X. The diagnosis was X. X was seen by X, MD on X. It was X. X stated it X. If X got X. X did report some X. There was X. There were X. X had shown X. X were present X. X were located X. It had X. X was X. The X was X. There was X. "X rated X. X showed X." On examination, X was X. X had X. There was X. X with X was noted. X of the "X" showed X. X was X. There was X. The assessment was X. X of X was X. On X, X was seen X visit by Dr. X for follow-up on X. The X demonstrated a X. The assessment was X. X was considered to be an X. X was discussed. An X of the X dated X showed X. X change in the X. There was X. X showed X. X was noted. X was intact. X was seen X. X was present. There was X. There was X were noted. X were seen X. X and X was noted. There was X. X was X. X was X. There was X. X was noted. There was X. A X was seen. A X. Treatment to

date included X. Per a utilization review adverse determination letter dated X by X, MD, the request for X. Rationale: "X: Per ODG, "Recommended as indicated X. Criteria for X: 1.X. PLUS 2.X:X. PLUS 3.X:X.' The submitted medical records indicate that a X is present. The date of injury occurred on X. A medical record dated X does X. The patient has X. The guidelines have X. Therefore, X. ADDENDUM: A successful peer-to-peer call with X, MD was made at X. The details of the request X. There is a X. X information has been X." " X: Per ODG, 'ODG Indications for X: 1.X. AND X. OR X. X PLUS 2.X:X. OR X. OR X. OR X. X PLUS 3 X:X. OR X. OR X. OR X. OR X. X PLUS 4.X:X. (X). The submitted medical records indicate that a X is present. The date of injury occurred on X. A medical record dated X does X. The patient has X. The guidelines have X. Therefore, X.X: A successful peer-to-peer call with X, MD was made at X. The details of the request were X. There is a X. X information has X." "X Per ODG,X. Criteria for X: 1.X:X. OR X. PLUS 2.X:X. AND X. AND X. PLUS 3.X:X. OR X. OR X. PLUS 4.X: X The submitted medical records indicate that a X is present. The date of injury occurred on X. A medical record dated X does X. The patient has X. The guidelines X. Therefore, X.X: A successful peer-to-peer call with X, MD was made at X. The details of the request X. There is a X. X information has X." "X: As the X request is X." "X." Per a reconsideration determination dated X by X, DO, the request for X. Rationale: "X: Per ODG, "ODG indications for X: Criteria for X: 1.X: X, PLUS 2.X:X. PLUS 3.X:X. Per the peer-to-peer, there are X. The peer states that the patient has X. However, there is X. In reference to the guideline criteria, the request for X. The patient has X. Therefore, X." "X: Per ODG, 'ODG Indications for X: Criteria for X: 1.X:X, PLUS 2.X. PLUS 3.X:X.' Also per ODG, "ODG X: 1.X:X. AND X. OR X PLUS 2. X 2): X. OR X. OR X. OR X. {X} PLUS 3. X 2:X. OR X. OR X. OR X. OR X. OR X. (X) PLUS 4.X: (X).' Per the peer-to-peer, there are X. The peer states that the patient has X. However, there is X. In reference to the guideline criteria, the request is X. The patient has X. Therefore, X." "X: Per ODG, 'ODG Indications for X: Usually X. Criteria for X(X), requiring ALL of the following: 1.X:X. OR X. PLUS 2.X:X. AND X. PLUS 3.X:X. OR X. OR X. PLUS 4.X: X. Per the peer-to-peer, there are X. The patient has X. There are X noted. Per the peer conversation and in reference to the guideline criteria, the request is X. The patient has X. Therefore, X." "X. There are several conditions where X.X:X: Not recommended for X. X may be X.X: An X study of X." Although this X. Also, the X. Therefore, X." "X: As the X, X." "X.X." "X." "X." "X :X." "X. "The request for X. The records detailed X. The X did note a X. However, the claimant's X. The use of X. The X procedure as part of the request is X. For a X procedure, the requested X.

The current X. Therefore, it is this reviewer's opinion that X

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

The request for X. The records detailed X. The X did note a X. However, the claimant's X. The use of X. The X procedure as part of the request is X. For a X procedure, the requested X. The current evidence-based guidelines would X. Therefore, it is this reviewer's opinion that 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
- ODG- OFFICIAL DISABILITY GUIDELINES & TREATMENT GUIDELINES
- 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 JUDGMENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, AND EXPERTISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED MEDICAL STANDARDS
- MERCY CENTER CONSENSUS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES
- MILLIMAN CARE GUIDELINES
- PRESLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR
- TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE & PRACTICE PARAMETERS
- TEXAS TACADA GUIDELINES
- TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL
- PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)

**OTHER EVIDENCE BASED, SCIENTIFICALLY VALID, OUTCOME FOCUSED GUIDELINES (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)**