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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: X

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]: X is a X with a date of injury of X. The biomechanics of the injury was X. The diagnosis was X. Treatment to date included X. Per a utilization review decision letter dated X, the request for X: "In this case, the injured worker is a X who sustained an injury on X and now has a X. The injured worker has X. X examination: X. The injured worker was diagnosed with a X. Based on the records provided for this review, X. The injured worker has a X. The request for X. Therefore, the request for X". Per an adverse determination review letter dated X, the prior denial was X, MD. Rationale: "The requested X. The records do reflect that the injured worker has a X. However, the guidelines X. A modification on X. Therefore, the requested X. "There were X. X exam findings or X. There were X. Due to the X. Therefore the X

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

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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
\square AHRQ- AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH & QUALITY GUIDELINES
$\hfill \square$ DWC- DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION POLICIES OR GUIDELINES
☐ EUROPEAN GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC LOW BACK PAI
☐ 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
\square TEXAS GUIDELINES FOR CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE & PRACTICIPARAMETERS
☐ TEXAS TACADA GUIDELINES
☐ TMF SCREENING CRITERIA MANUAL
\square PEER REVIEWED NATIONALLY ACCEPTED MEDICAL LITERATURE (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)
☐ OTHER EVIDENCE BASED, SCIENTIFICALLY VALID, OUTCOME FOCUSED GUIDELINES (PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION)