

Notice of Independent Review Decision

DATE OF REVIEW: X

Date of Amended Decision:X

IRO CASE # X

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:

Upheld (Agree)

Overturned (Disagree)

Partially Overturned (Agree in part/Disagree in part)

INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE IRO FOR REVIEW

X

PATIENT CLINICAL HISTORY [SUMMARY]:

The patient is a X complaining of back pain and left leg pain with occasional right lateral thigh pain. The cause of injury was X. Patient underwent X. Patient had an MRI of the Lumbar spine with the following findings: X. On X, the patient underwent an X. The patient had a follow up on X, where X reported complete relief from X.

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

Per ODG references, the requested "X" is not medically necessary because there was no physical exam on follow up and the duration of improvement from the X was not specified.

**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 KNOWLEDGE BASE
- AHCPR- 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
- PRESSLEY REED, THE MEDICAL DISABILITY ADVISOR

- 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