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RE: Back traction - Letter of Medical Necessity for Master Care Back - A -  
Traction System

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This self low back traction inversion system is utilized for the care of low back conditions specifically to decrease low back pain, increase functional level of patient's with acute and chronic low back pain. Studies in the United States performed by Thomas Bergmann, D.C., and Thomas Davis, D.C., from Bloomington, Minn., and similar studies performed by Dr. Lemmerd, Occupational Physician with Volvo Sweden, have documented substantial shortening of disability to include occupation and nonoccupational low back related pathologies. Utilization of this equipment substantially reduces the utilization of narcotic and anti-inflammatory medications to relieve the symptomatology of related acute and chronic flares of low back pain related to degenerative disc disease, spondylolisthesis and muscle spasms. This system is appropriate for candidates with chronic low back pain who have been through formal P.T. with low back conditioning programs. The system has proven its medical necessity with reduction in patient's dysfunction and secondary economic losses due to medication utilization and time from work.

Please accept this letter as explanation of medical necessity for the Master Care Back - A - Traction System.

Sincerely,

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