

# **LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY**

November 19, 2025

To: HSA/FSA Administrator

From: Derek Yan, MD

**Subject: Letter of Medical Necessity for irena gao**

## **1. REPORTED DIAGNOSIS**

Anxiety and Depression with Chronic Pain risk

## **2. TREATMENT RECOMMENDATION**

The patient is recommended to undergo regular massage therapy sessions at Tension Intervention. The treatment plan includes twice-monthly 60-minute therapeutic massage sessions focusing on myofascial release techniques, trigger point therapy, and Swedish massage methods. These sessions will specifically target areas of muscle tension that exacerbate anxiety symptoms and contribute to pain patterns. The therapist at Tension Intervention will document progress after each session, adjusting techniques as needed to address the patient's evolving symptoms as part of the management plan for 12 months.

## **3. CLINICAL RATIONALE**

The patient presents with diagnosed anxiety (F41.9) and depression (F32.9), with a family history of depression and chronic pain, placing her at elevated risk for developing chronic pain conditions herself. Research has demonstrated that massage therapy is an effective complementary treatment for both anxiety and depression. A systematic review (PMID: 28891221; Field T, 2016) found that massage therapy significantly reduced anxiety and depression symptoms through multiple physiological mechanisms, including reduced cortisol levels and increased serotonin and dopamine. Additionally, regular massage therapy at Tension Intervention can help prevent the development of chronic pain by addressing muscle tension patterns before they become persistent pain conditions. The patient's expressed desire to 'be healthier' aligns with this preventive approach.

## **4. ROLE THE SERVICE PROVIDES**

Tension Intervention's massage therapy services provide a non-pharmacological intervention that reduces physiological markers of stress, decreases muscle tension, and improves mood regulation to complement standard treatments for anxiety and depression.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

Given the patient's diagnosed conditions of anxiety and depression, family history of chronic pain, and the substantial clinical evidence supporting massage therapy's efficacy for these conditions, the requested massage therapy services at Tension Intervention are medically necessary as part of the patient's comprehensive treatment plan.

## **6. PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES RECOMMENDED**

Massage Therapy from Tension Intervention

**Intervention Start Date:** November 19, 2025

**Intervention End Date:** November 19, 2026

#### **PROVIDER INFORMATION**

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider License: \_\_\_\_\_

License State: \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

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