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Livanta
Appeal of Case #VA-1237079-AP
EK: BECQIQ
Dora Lavy
Our Lady of Hope Health Center
Richmond, Virginia

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to appeal the decision to deny further Skilled Nursing Care for Dora Lavy at Our Lady of Hope Health Center (OLOH).

Dora Lavy is my mother. She broke her leg and shattered her elbow November 5, 2022. Her elbow needed to be replaced and she had a very difficult surgery to repair her leg. In late December, she had surgery to clear out considerable infection to her leg and arm.

Her arm infection has cleared, but there is concern with the "dip" in the wound. She had a follow-up visit with an outside wound care specialist at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) on January 18, 2023. They recommended further treatment by the nurse at OLOH and another visit to MCV on February 1, 2023, for follow-up care.

Mom also developed bed sores early as a result of being in bed from her accident. One healed quickly, but another has lingered and is being closely monitored and treated by a doctor at OLOH.

My mother continues PT and OT at OLOH. Her therapists report that she is actively participating, but she continues to require their services. For example, she needs less help for in-bed mobility and brushing her teeth, but still requires significant aid in transferring to and from the bed. She was cleared by her surgeon on January 17, 2023, for ADL as tolerated. She is now focused on range of motion for her arm and strengthening her legs in preparation of weight bearing. We hope to get approval for some, if not all, weight bearing on February 13, 2023. This will significantly improve PT and OT possibilities.

Last week, my mother was diagnosed with pneumonia. This has weakened her and she is now requiring 2 liters of oxygen. Today during her therapy, she was at an 83% oxygen level without the benefit of oxygen support for just a few minutes. She is not oxygen dependent at home.

As alluded to above, my mother cannot do any daily activities for herself. She is unable to transfer from bed to a wheelchair and back, go to the bathroom, shower, or dress herself. She needs the nurses to assist with taking medications, wound care, and daily self-care. The additional worry of finances is always on her mind and we are very worried about depression and a sense of her giving up hope of returning to a normal life.

Based on the information above, the proof that she is progressing in her therapy, the addition of the pneumonia, and knowledge that continued wound care is needed, I ask that you approve additional days for Skilled Nursing Care at Our Lady of Hope. Please help mom get the level of care she desperately needs.

Sincerely,
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