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Re: PAULINE WILLIAMS, DOB: 7/22/1929

To whom it may concern:

Removing Ms. Pauline Williams from the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Ramona and Rick Burnett, where she had remained for over a year and a half would be detrimental to her health.

Ms. Williams has a medical history of a trans-ischemic attack (TIA), atrial fibrillation (A-fib), hypertension (HTN) and hyperlipidemia. She also has a history of dementia. Any change in environment could cause unnecessary stress which could cause the increase need for drugs to help calm her and possibly cause increase deterioration in mental status and illness.

In her current environment she is comfortable, knows all the people around her and has a routine schedule. She received almost daily care from a CNA caretaker.

Interventions have been put into place in the home including a handicap ramp for access into the home, visual monitoring systems so Ms. Williams is always visible, a bed alarm in case of movement during the night, audio monitoring, etc. There is also a handicap accessible van to transport her to doctor's appointments, hospital visits, etc.

If she were to be in a nursing home, there is a high probability Ms. Williams would attempt to get out of bed or a chair to try to find familiar surroundings. This could result in frequent falls and injuries. The nursing home may then have to restrain Ms. Williams in order to keep her from injuring herself. The home of Rick and Ramona is familiar to Ms. Williams and she is always being watched and cared for.

The home of Rick and Ramona Burnett is the least restrictive environment and would be the best place for Ms. Williams to stay due to her current mental and medical conditions.

Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

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