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Client Name: Mary Hoskins DOB: 12/15/00
Family name: Hoskins Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy spastic quadriplegia
Height: 49" Weight: 55 lbs
Primary insurance: Medicaid #

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to request the Columbia Medical Aqualift Bath Chair for Mary Hoskins. I evaluated her for a new bath chair, as she had outgrown her XXX bath chair. Among the concerns with her current system is that she cannot safely transfer into and out of the bathtub. Her current bath chair is too small, does not offer enough support and does not provide for level transfers from tub to wheelchair.

At this time, the XXX bath chair is no longer adequate for Mary as it does not provide necessary support to her trunk and extremities. Proper trunk support is necessary for safe transfers and will allow her to participate in bathing and hygiene (Colvin and Korn, 1984).

Additionally, Mary is at increased risk of injury during the transfer into and out of the bathtub due to her increased size and tone. Safe transfers are OTs primary concern for Mary. Mary needs moderate caregiver assistance with transfers, but she can participate in transfers.

Using the Aqualift Bath chair, transfers can be accomplished using a level transfer surface. The Aqualift lifts the user for a level transfer surface and has a transfer flap to help facilitate the transfer from tub to wheelchair (Nelson and Baptiste, 2004), thereby increasing the safety and independence of the user.

Due to the small layout of the bathroom, a sliding tub transfer system is not feasible in the space provided. Ultimately, the family would like a ceiling track system to help with transfers within the home. However, there is not adequate funding in place to support the installation of a ceiling track at this time.

Based on Mary's functional status, concerns for her safety in transferring and the layout of the bathroom, I have found the Columbia Aqualift Pediatric Hi-Back Wrap Around Bath Chair to be the most appropriate and cost effective option.

Sincerely,

Leslie Smith OTR/L



Columbia Medical Aqualift Bath Chair

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