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Tonaalea, Arizona 86044

US Department of Labor
Office of Workman's Compensation Program
Division of Energy Occupational illness Compensation

Patient: }

Date of Birth:

Date: February 26, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the treating physician for Mr. I. OL approved conditions are: Pulmonary Fibrosis (508.1/515), fibrosis of the lung (515), silicosis (502) and pneumoconiosis (505). I most recently saw this patient on February 26, 2015. He presents today for a home health care evaluation/recertification. Due to his covered condition he is unable to perform ADL's without assistance due to shortness of breath and fatigue/weakness. He continuously uses oxygen at 2.5 L/min by NC.

Limitations, incapacities, and loss of function imposed on the patient by his qualifying illnesses for which home services are needed include the following:

--He has difficulty performing activities of daily living (ADL), such as getting out of bed to get dressed, toileting, bathing, and eating. Because of the respiratory related condition, this patient becomes easily winded, dizzy, fatigue and weak while attempting to perform these activities.

I have assessed the patient and am ordering the following care based on his approved condition.

RN/LPN: 14 hours per week. This care is necessary for frequent skilled pulmonary evaluation and monitoring, medical monitoring and assessment, medication management and education on side effects and incompatibilities, review of HHA documentation to access for trend in patient condition, monitoring for acute changes, safety, supervision, and medical equipment monitoring on DME equipment.

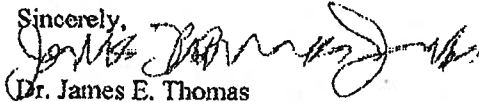
Home Health Aide Services: 24 hours per day. This care is necessary for ADL assistance for administration of medications, medical monitoring, bathing and personal hygiene, meal preparation and feeding, and medical equipment checks.

Case Management Supervision: 10 hours per month. This care is necessary for coordination of care, supervision of all aspects of care and documentation for licensed nurses and HHA's being provided in the home, review of patient status for areas of concern, development of plans of care, quality assurance, communication with the physician regarding change in patient needs, comprehensive evidence-based assessment at the start of care and every 6 months thereafter, providing ongoing patient and staff education as it pertains to the POC, and completion of paperwork as required by the DOL and state guidelines.

The physical limitations that necessitate this care due to DOL covered medical conditions are: marked dyspnea on exertion, fatigue and weakness. Patient becomes short of breath on exertion.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Dr. James E. Thomas