

October 27, 2015

Dear Governor Hailey,

My name is Christy Berry, and I am a RN in the state of South Carolina and work for Nightingale's Nursing and Attendants out of Florence, S.C. I am writing you on the behalf of a patient named Georgianna Turner Cooper. Her date of birth is July 6, 1965, which makes her 50 years old. She has applied for disability four times and has been denied all four times. She was informed that if she appealed again it would take up to two years to go in front of a judge again. Ms. Cooper is attempting to care for twin girls, that are her great nieces, to keep them from going into foster care, she has assistance of family and friends. She recently lost her home because the only income she receives is a small check for the girls and it barely meets the necessities.

Ms. Cooper has been diagnosed with Depression and not only receives outpatient therapy three times a week, but has also been admitted two times for inpatient therapy in the past. Medicine that she has been prescribed, with the other medical supplies that Ms. Cooper uses and takes are listed below.

- BREATHING MACHINE**
- HAND BRACE**
- WALKER**
- DIABETIC SHOES**
- ALBUTEROL**
- GABAPENTIN**
- PAROXETINE**
- LISINAPRIL**
- GABAPENTIN**
- LACTULOSE**

- **PENICILLIN**
- **AMOXICILLIN**
- **GAVILYTE**
- **PAXIL**
- **CLONAZEPAM**
- **SULFAMETHOXAZOLE**
- **MEDFORMIN**
- **VENLAFAXINE**
- **LACTULOSE SOLUTION**
- **LISINOP**
- **CARISOPRODOL**
- **SYMBICORT**
- **VENTOLIN**
- **MIRTAZAPINE**
- **TRAMADOL**
- **HydrOXYzine**
- **SEROquel**
- **Phentermine Hydrachloride**
- **HYDROCOACETAMIN**
- **BISPIRONE**
- **NAPROXEN**
- **TraZODone**
- **PUROSEMIDE**
- **BENZONATATE**
- **AMITRIPYLIN**

Although Ms. Cooper has had suicidal and homicidal thoughts or hullucinations, she still has anxiety,insomnia, stress, fatigue and has less interest in daily simple task. For support she has a friend that lives with her that help her cook, clean, helps with the twins, handles all her affairs and makes sure she keeps all her appointments and her with all her other daily living needs.

With Ms. Cooper taking these medicine for her

depression is controlled, but the client has to be monitor. She is also has to keep legs elevated for a majority of the day. She also has status post left lunate fracture with core decompression and likely resulting osteo arthrities and bilateral knee osteo arthrities. There is limited use of her left hand due to her prion lunate surgery and resulting weakenss and pain, causing inability to perform the following task, reaching, handling, fingering and feeling. The list of medical supplies list the equipment she has to use for her hand and knees. She has also had knee surgery which makes her have leg pains and limits her to standing, walking extended periods, climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and crawling. Peripheral vascular disease and neuropathy makes it even harder to sit, stand, climb, or walk for long period of times. Ms. Cooper has breathing problems and complains of shortness of breath, frequent cough, and chest discomfort. It does not take much activity to make Ms. Cooper feel short of breath and cough.

The previous jobs that Ms. Cooper has held is CNA and truckdriver. Both require more physical activity than she is able to maintain to be productive. The following is a list of complaints and problems not yet mention.

- Can not lift or push more that 25 pounds
- Fatigue
- Stomach pain-frequent constipation on Lactulose Solution
- Can not sit or stand longer than an hour at a time without having either pain, numbness, or swelling
- Shortness of breath
- Swollowing problems with choking episodes
- Decreased muscle strength

We are hoping that you can help speed the processes or look into her case to see if there is anything that you or your cabinet can do to see that she gets the help she needs. We would be very grateful if there is. Thank you for you time.

Thank you again,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christy Berry RN". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "RN" at the end being more distinct.

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