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Dear Medical Representative,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Eden Gibson, who is a client at Mountain Pathways Counseling, to verify her need for an emotional support animal. Ms. Gibson has been working with me since April of 2020 at MPC, and from 2017 to 2019 at RHA, and is diagnosed with the following problems:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Major Depressive Disorder
- Generalized Anxiety Disorder

These problems are also the basis of Ms. Gibson's disability, recognized by the U.S. Social Security Administration.

Ms. Gibson has had an emotional support animal, a blue tongued skink, which is housebroken and trained to live hygienically indoors, since I have known her. This animal assists her to manage her symptoms by calming her and providing structure to her life.

The effectiveness of emotional support animals has been well documented. Emotional Support Animals are not required to have special training or documentation to validate their performance. This letter is the only requirement for your inclusion of her support animal.

I appreciate your understanding and willingness to support Ms. Gibson by approving her emotional support animal for inclusion in her care. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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