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Jeff & Kristi,

Katherine's appointment with Dr. Black went well. He has prescribed omeprazole nightly. Dr. Black feels that the medication will help with the acid production. He feels that this could be causing the coughing. We are also putting bed riser at the top of the bed. Sam tried to do this yesterday, but the bed frame is fragile. Sam is purchasing a new standard steel frame today. The next appointment with Dr. Black is June 2 at 3 PM. The cough syrup had been replaced with Benadryl to attempt to dry the secretions.

I know there is a lot of concern regarding the amount of funds being expended for Katherine's care. I have spoken to Katherine about this many times and she is consistently asked to keep the care. She is coughing and vomiting phlegm at night and needs assistance. She also is afraid of being alone. She can't see and misses Keith being there with her. She is willing to attempt to not have care from 9 AM -5 PM. During this time Highgate will provide escorts to meals and activities. At any time Katherine would like to have the daytime care I promised her that I would re-instate this. I think there may be some confusion as to my role as a guardian. I am always open to answer questions however I am held to the Washington State Supreme Court standards of practice. The services and role that I play is always geared to the client needs and wishes. I am trained in communication and interviewing so that I am not placing my wishes for a client as part of the conversation. I assure everyone that I am looking at the financial costs as they relate to Medicaid. Your mom is facing many medical issues and is articulating that she feels that her body is shutting down. She is tired, both physical and emotionally. She **does not** want to discuss finances with any of her family members, and she does not want her children worrying about her finances. If you would like to discuss finances, please call me or e-mail me and I am more than happy to discuss where things are at and potential back up plans to the current placement and level of care.

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