

Sample Letter of Medical Necessity From The Doctor

This is an example of a letter for an insurance company, emphasizing that your child's problem is neurologic and not developmental.

Re: LM

Date of Birth 3/10/09

Dear Dr. Smith,

LM a thirty -three month-old boy, continues to carry the diagnosis of

742.9 Static Encephalopathy

388.40 Hypoxia at birth

784.69 Oral/verbal apraxia

783.3 Feeding disorder

781.3 Hypotonia, sensory integration dysfunction

388.40 Auditory processing disorder

He has made some improvement in speech and motor abilities, and has responded well to therapy. He does, however, continue to require intensive treatments in order to overcome these disabilities. They all have a neurologic basis and are not developmental. Intensive treatment by qualified, experienced speech, physical and occupational therapists is required. Oral/verbal apraxia of speech is a disorder where the brain signals that go to the muscles and structures of the speech mechanism are disrupted. Without therapy, children do not outgrow verbal apraxia. LM also has feeding problems associated with his speech disorder. He requires speech treatment at least four times a week by experienced oral motor speech therapists who are trained in the PROMPT methodology. He will also need occupational therapy two times a week by an occupational therapist knowledgeable about his sensory integration dysfunction and physical therapy once weekly to improve muscle coordination. Without these therapists his prognosis is poor.

I am asking for three months of the therapies requested above followed by a reevaluation to assess programs.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A. Goode, M.D., F.A.A.P.