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Patient: Norma Salas
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Dear Dr. Shitiz Sriwastava,

All of us at Houston Neuropsychology Associates appreciate the opportunity to participate in the care of your patients. Presently, we realize that our wait time for appointments has grown beyond our typical and historical norms. We understand that long wait time is frustrating not only to patients and their family members, but also to you and your staff.

While we work to recruit additional neuropsychology providers for our group, we have implemented a priority system for appointments to help route patients to the soonest available appointments. All patients are important to us and all referrals are appreciated, but not all requests that we receive represent equally urgent or pressing needs for evaluation. We also understand that there may be factors beyond those easily discernible from medical records that may contribute to the referral (e.g., family is insisting on it).

We are now screening referrals to identify cases that seem to be less urgent or may not be ideal candidates for neuropsychological evaluation. We have identified this referral as one of those cases. Two of our clinical neuropsychologists reviewed the available records and made the following notes:

Medical records indicate that the patient's score on a brief screening tool MMSE was exceptionally low 13/30. Individuals with such severe and/or diffuse cognitive impairment are unlikely be able to perform more extensive diagnostic testing and/or their scores will be in the impaired range globally. Additionally, records indicate increasing agitation, which could pose a barrier to the testing process. Thus, further testing would appear unlikely to yield additional beneficial information.

Should you have additional information to provide or want us to reconsider, we will happily do so. Otherwise, we thank you for the referral but will preserve our appointment slots for cases with greater urgency.

It is our sincere hope that this triage system will eventually lead to reduced wait time for appointments while we pursue other solutions. Your feedback is always welcome. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely yours,
Houston Neuropsychology Associates, PLLC