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Dear Primary Care Physician/Provider,

Your patient (or their representative) has elected to join Direct Senior Care's membership program for Geriatric Specialty Consultative services and house-calls. I am a board certified Geriatrician who solely does Geriatric Medicine via house-calls and care coordination. I am opted out of Medicare, and therefore do not bill Medicare (or any Insurance including the Medicare Advantage Plans) for any of my services. However, I can order and certify for Medicare covered services. Therefore, you should feel confident that you will be able to serve as PCP for our mutual patient even though I am also assisting in their care.

My goal is to best help you, the primary care physician, and our mutual patient in this last stage of his/her life. Having been a family physician before devoting myself to geriatrics, I understand how difficult it can be to sort through polypharmacy and multiple chronic conditions, especially in the context of end of life care, in limited office visits. This is often made even more difficult by cognitive disorders and poor historians. My goal is to help ease that burden on you while working jointly to meet our patient's needs. My involvement in the patient's care should in no way limit your care, and you should feel comfortable billing for any time spent coordinating care with me (use the chronic care management codes). In addition, please use my notes and services as an aid in your annual wellness visits and physicals. I will fax any changes and all updates to your office, and am available anytime to discuss care with you.

Typically I manage all orders and referrals to Home Health services as I am uniquely able to provide face to face visits and provide orders directly during the house calls. For a better understanding of how I can help you as the PCP for this vulnerable homebound population, feel free to call me directly or take a look at the website listed above. I appreciate the care you give and willingness to work together for our mutual patients. Please let me know how I can help you as the primary care provider.

Warm regards,

Dr. Shannon Tapia MD

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