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Dear Ms. Madore:

RE: Ryan, Shirley

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Please be advised that Ms. Ryan is currently under my care. She recently underwent a right below knee amputation. She is experiencing difficulty entering and exiting her home. Ms. Ryan needs a wheelchair accessible ramp to enter and exit her home for the safety and prevention of any additional accidents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Any assistance you may be able to provide is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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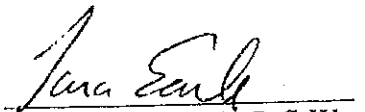
Re: **Ms. Shirley Ryan**  
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Dear Ms. Madore:

Further to our telephone conversation on May 4, 2009, please accept this letter of support for the implementation of Emergency Alert in the home of Ms. Shirley Ryan. As you are aware, Ms. Ryan participated in a two-day initial assessment process at Rehabilitation Day Services at the Dr. L. A. Miller Centre on April 28 and April 29, 2009 to determine appropriateness for our program. Ms. Ryan has been accepted for ongoing rehabilitation therapy. The therapy team feels that Ms. Ryan's safety in and around her home is of paramount concern. Ms. Ryan's surgery for a Right Below Knee Amputation occurred on March 27, 2009. While the amputation site has healed well, Ms. Ryan experiences phantom limb sensation which subsequently increases her risk for falls. Ms. Ryan reported having a fall while at home alone on April 28, 2009 related to the phantom limb sensation. Ambulation inside her home with the combined use of a wheelchair and a walker continues to present challenges for accessibility to her kitchen, bedroom and bathroom; as well as issues of energy conservation and safety. As well, Ms. Ryan's partner, Mr. Anthony Breen, is currently on a lengthy work assignment with the offshore oil industry. He is expected to be away from home for several months on his current job. His employment lends itself to this kind of schedule on a regular basis. Ms. Ryan reports having minimal family and community support who are able to assist her on a regular basis.

The above noted concerns are in relation to Ms. Ryan's safety risks within her home. The team also identified safety concerns regarding outside access to the home. Occupational Therapy will be following up with a detailed report and recommendations in this regard. For the above reasons, we recommend funding of Emergency Alert for Ms. Ryan. The cost of this service is \$33.90 per month. Ms. Ryan has been provided with information about Emergency Alert and is interested in having it in her home. A copy of the company's brochure has been enclosed with this letter for your perusal. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (709) 711

Sincerely,

  
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cc Ms. Shirley Ryan