

This letter is regarding Thomas J. Price, Jr., date of birth 2/7/1936. This is an addendum to the report of examination and evaluation form that was completed on 11/4/2022.

I have been caring for Thomas since 2011. His major health issues at this time are related to severe diabetic neuropathy with gait instability. He was no longer able to care for himself independently and now resides in assisted living. He requires the use of a walker to maintain balance and ambulate. Second problem has been progressive onset of dementia. He was evaluated 8/19/2022 by Jennifer Watkins, APRN, who is associated with Olathe Health Neurology Consultants. At the time of that visit she ordered an MRI of the brain and a DAT scan. The patient was seen in my office on 11/4/2022. Neither of these studies had been completed at that time. There was no significant change in his clinical condition. After discussion regarding the potential diagnoses and benefits related to these 2 tests he expressed the wish not to undergo any additional testing at this time. I agreed with his decision as the information obtained is unlikely to change his current treatment or prognosis. The patient was very clear in his wish to avoid any excessive testing or medication. He preferred to emphasize quality of life at this time.

At this time I believe Thomas is capable of directing his care and finances. He requires minimal assistance to set out his medication as well as assistance with ambulation as stated above. He requires assistance with the details of managing his finances. He is capable expressing his wishes and directing such assistance.

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