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Barbara Dombrowski
Agency for Health Care
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Dear Ms. Dombrowski,

This letter is to follow up to the agency regarding the ongoing success of the sitting system provided by the Broda chairs purchased through the AHCA grant monies provided the Baldomero Lopez State Veterans' Nursing Home last August 2005.

Baseline and current data of the Broda Chairs sitting system:

1. Baseline was 6 restraints in use on June 30, 2005 prior to the procurement of the Broda chairs. Enclosed are the Quality Indicators for June 30, 2005 indicating 6 restraints in use.
2. Immediately after procurement of the Broda chairs, August 31, 2005, each chair was utilized for specific residents and the restraints were removed to decrease the number of restraints to 2 in use. Enclosed are the Quality Measures for September 30, 2005 indicating 2 restraints in use.
3. The most recent Quality Measure is for December 31, 2005 indicating 3 restraints in use. Currently, we have a resident who uses a lap tray on his chair per his request, a spouse who requests a seat belt on the resident and a resident using a Merry Walker.
4. The process used was to assess each resident with a restraint at the time we received the Broda chairs. The physical therapist screened the residents we placed in the Broda chair for safety. Staff was trained to understand the use of the Broda chair with continued monitoring of each resident utilizing the Broda chair.

We are very appreciative of the opportunity to have participated with the AHCA Grant Program. The results have been immediate with a restraint free environment for our residents. Thank you for your assistance with this accomplishment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Yackel, NHA".

Rebecca Yackel, NHA
Administrator