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Express Scripts
PO Box 66773
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re: xxxxxx
xxx NE 85th Terr.;
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ID#xxxxxxx7-01

Dear Sirs,

It is important I inform you of my medical decision concerning this patient. Xxxxxx has been prescribed a special form of hormone replacement therapy for several reasons of medical necessity. These reasons require more space and explanation than this letter permits, but suffice it to be known, it is my medical decision and the prescription I have written.

In addition, it is important you are aware that this prescription is not a mass-produced medication. Since no drug manufacturers make this type of natural hormone replacement at this time, it requires custom-compounding by a pharmacy with considerable equipment, pharmaceutical-grade chemicals, formulas and expertise. It is not like a commercially-made medication that will be identical in every pharmacy from Anchorage to Atlanta. O'Brien Pharmacy, specializing in hormone replacement therapy, has a board-certified compounding laboratory and together we have stabilized Ms. Xxxxx on her medication.

You are probably not in the position to guarantee the same equipment, formula, chemicals and expertise will be used at another pharmacy. And it follows, you can not then guarantee the identical prescription will be dispensed with the corresponding results.

As such, please do not make the incorrect assumption that this prescription is universally available. In fact, subtle differences may be enough to have a profound effect on the health and well being of my patient. This is especially true when osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease and breast cancer are considerations.

Therefore, please be advised and on notice, changing this patient's prescription or source of her prescription is against my medical recommendation, and the negative outcome of such changes will rest with you.

In addition, since Ms. Xxxxx has coverage for compounded medication, we would expect her to be reimbursed properly and promptly. Otherwise, she will be referred to state agencies to correct her situation.

Sincerely,

xxxxxx, M.D.