

Deshawn Miller



To whom this matter may concern, I am writing this testimonial in regards to sharing some of my life story. My name is Deshawn Miller. **I am a spinal cord injury patient (C5-C6), as a result of this particular injury I was diagnosed as a quadriplegic with some sensation.** I strive for independence but in reality, I need assistance with my daily life. Having 24-hour Skilled Nursing Care is truly a blessing.

The Nursing Agency that takes care of me along with my insurance company has given me a chance to live somewhat of a normal life at home and still receive my Nursing Care. My care consists of a team of doctors, nurses, assistants, therapists, a case management care team, and more. I need assistance with everyday living. This consists of grooming and using the bathroom. I am not able to urinate on my own, I do a medical procedure called a straight catheter to help me. I also need assistance with showering, transferring in and out of the bed to my wheelchair, cooking, preparing meals, and transportation for errands.

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With all the health care law changes I am concerned about the future of my quality of care. To some, this may be work and everyday law-making decisions but to me this is personal; because this is the life that I have to live every day. Over the years I have achieved and persevered through a lot. My life has not been easy. Losing any of my care would be a setback in my achievement and my goal to regain much of my independence and growth in my health and care. I appreciate this opportunity to share my concerns with you all. Thank you for your time and consideration.