

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to inform you of how beneficial Strive has been to numerous patients at my facility. My position is the Activity Director/ Recreational Therapist at a 165 bed skilled facility/ sub-acute rehabilitation facility in West Bloomfield, MI. Strive was introduced to me a few years back and initially I did not take interest in the program that was being offered. However, little did I know how extremely valuable Strive would be to some of the patients here at my facility. I have referred numerous patients that are here under workman's compensation or auto insurance.

The results of the patients that have been referred to Strive are amazing and a real pleasure to see. One of my patients benefited in large ways, and her family could not thank us enough of how much the recreational therapist did. The patient was able to go out in the community and participate in various "everyday" situations as well as simply going to the movies and having an amazing time. The patient was unable at the time to communicate but the positive facial expressions, in one thing that is priceless.

Initially most of the sessions that the rec. therapist does will start within the facility, however, a large majority of the time it will lead to outdoor community reintegration programs. Then when the patient is discharged, the pleasure of having a recreation therapist continues. I have seen some patients that at first didn't want to do anything that required getting out of bed or didn't see the benefits of recreation therapy. However, session after session, the patient soon realizes the importance, and cannot wait until the next time the therapist will be in for a treatment.

Above are just a few of the positives that Strive has brought to my facility as well as the endless positives to the patients. It is so important to see the patient's progress and to continue to enjoy the leisure lifestyle they once had. Not to mention the new leisure interest that they may pick up in working with their Recreational Therapist. There are not enough ways to say how much I enjoy referring my patients to Strive.

Sincerely,

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