**Sample/ Template Letter**

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To Whom It May Concern:

@NAME@ is a patient of ours, born @DOB@, who has the following diagnoses:

@PROB@

@NAME@  take the following medications:

@MEDDISCHARGE@

{He/she (caps):30048} is at high risk for complications over {HIS/HER:833} lifetime, including: \*\*\*

We have cared for @NAME@ since \*\*\* and {HE/SHE:3497} will continue to need close follow up for {HIS/HER:833} entire life. {He/she (caps):30048} see the following subspecialists \*\*\* on a regular basis.  {He/she (caps):30048} may need additional sub-specialist services over {HIS/HER:833} lifetime.

{He/she (caps):30048} would be negatively affected if \*\*\* were not in the United States or if @NAME@ needed to leave the United States with \*\*\*, because {HE/SHE:3497} would not receive the educational and medical services {HE/SHE:3497} needs.  In particular, quality services from \*\*\* are not available in \*\*\*.  @NAME@’s family provides essential care for these medical services and @NAME@ would not receive them if \*\*\* was separated from @NAME@.

In addition, we know that enduring, supportive relationships with caregivers help children to overcome stress and build healthy brains. Separation from caregivers causes prolonged exposure to serious stress – known as toxic stress – which can harm the developing brain and harm short- and long-term health.   We aim to prevent toxic stress such as separation from family members, to prevent long-term negative health consequences.

Thank you for your assistance.  Please call with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

@ME@

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@PROB@

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As @NAME@ has Trisomy 21, commonly known as Down Syndrome, {HE/SHE:3497}

is at high risk for complications over {HIS/HER:833} lifetime, including: hypothyroidism, leukemia, developmental issues, hearing problems, immune problems and growth issues.

We have cared for @NAME@ since \*\*\* and {HE/SHE:3497} will continue to need close follow up for {HIS/HER:833} entire life. {He/she (caps):30048} sees the following sub-specialist services on at least an annual basis: ophthalmology, audiology, ENT.  {He/she (caps):30048} requires annual laboratory evaluation and other testing as well.  {He/she (caps):30048} may require additional sub-specialist services, surgeries and testing over  {HIS/HER:833} lifetime.

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