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**LIFE
 CARE
 PLAN**

Karen L. Smith
 Home Care Services
 Range of Costs

DOB: 4/15/1965

DOI: 6/30/1990

Date Prepared: 11/15/2004

Primary Disability: C4 complete quadriplegia

Attendant Care:

Ms. Smith requires 24-hour attendant care due to her need for assistance with Hoyer lift transfers, dressing, repositioning in bed, bowel program, incontinence care, and catheterization every three to four hours. (As noted earlier in this report, Ms. Smith's urologist feels that her need for every three- to four-hour catheterization will continue throughout her lifetime.) Ms. Smith also needs assistance for passive range of motion exercises, peritoneal skin care, meal preparation, cleaning, shampooing her hair, grocery shopping, and laundry. Nighttime attendant care is required due to her inability to get out of bed independently and exit her home in case of an emergency. Her attendant care services are being provided by Quality Nurses.

Projections for Attendant Care Services – Option I

Description	Frequency	Cost Per Unit	Cost Per Year	Provider	Reference	Growth Trend	Sub-Total
Attendant care	24 hours a day, seven days a week through life expectancy (based on a life expectancy of 79.8 years)	\$21-\$26/hour Quality Nurses charges \$24/hr for all hours except holidays which are time-and-a-half	\$211,968 (\$576/day except for holidays which are \$864/day)	Quality Nurses	Quality Nurses and Sunset Home Care, 8/2004	To be determined by economist	\$8,648,294.40

As an alternative to the above, Ms. Smith could potentially be independent when up in her wheelchair in a wheelchair-accessible environment for three-hour time periods during the day. Her need for intermittent catheterization could be met by an aide schedule of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (nine hours of nighttime care), an aide visit from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with catheterizations at the start and end of the visit, and a second daytime aide visit between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. with catheterization also occurring at the start and end of these visits. The total number of attendant care hours would be 15 hours per day for this routine.

Projections for Attendant Care Services – Option II

Description	Frequency	Cost Per Unit	Cost Per Year	Provider	Reference	Growth Trend	Sub-Total
Attendant care	15 hours a day, seven days a week through life expectancy (based on a life expectancy of 79.8 years)	\$21-\$26/hour Quality Nurses charges \$24/hr for all hours except holidays which are time-and-a-half	\$132,480 (\$360/day except for holidays which are \$540/day)	Quality Nurses	Quality Nurses and Sunset Home Care, 8/2004	To be determined by economist	\$5,405,184.00

Total for Attendant Care Services: \$5,405,184.00 to \$8,648,294.40

Wheelchair and Adaptations:

Description	Year Purchased	Base Cost	Replacement Schedule	Supplier Reference	Growth Trend	Sub-Total
Power reclining wheelchair – the Permobil Chairman – with seat stabilizing system	2004	\$8,995.00	Every five years (9 total)	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$80,955.00
Right joystick with swing-away motion	2004	\$256.00	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$2,304.00
Multiple seat function control kit	2004	\$2,413.00	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$21,717.00
Ergo back recline 18” wide, 25.5 hp	2004	\$759.00	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$6,831.00
Power elevating leg rest	2004	\$2,410.00	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$21,690.00
Calf supports	2004	\$28.50	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$256.50
Head rest support	2004	\$422.00	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$3,798.00
Roadaptor adaptor kit	2004	\$125.00	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$1,125.00
Two-inch Velcro chest strap	2004	\$16.50	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$148.50
Ankle straps x 2	2004	\$11.60 each x 2	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$208.80
Long thigh supports x 2	2004	\$208.00 each x 2	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$3,744.00
Push handle x 2	2004	\$148.50 each x 2	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$2,673.00
Safety belt	2004	\$45.00	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$405.00
Batteries	2004	\$148.00	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$1,332.00
Large joystick ball	2004	\$73.00 each	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$657.00
Toggle switchbox	2004	\$101.00	Every five years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$909.00
Roho cushions, low profile	2004	\$479.00	Every two years	DME Plus 9/13/04	To be determined by economist	\$9,580.00

Total for Wheelchair and Adaptations: \$158,333.80