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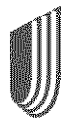
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To Whom It May Concern,

My patient, Eileen Crawford, DOB 11/03/1963, presented to my clinic 8 years following a Sleeve Gastrectomy. The patient has experienced worsening, intractable GERD. The best possible solution for the GERD issues is to revise her sleeve gastrectomy to a Roux en Y Gastric Bypass (CPT 43644). The patient has undergone extensive testing including a CT scan of her abdomen, an Upper GI, and an EGD. All clinical documentation is attached. The testing confirms an enlarged stomach pouch and esophagitis. The EGD also revealed that the patient has a hiatal hernia that I will need to repair (CPT 43281).

Due to the tests findings and symptoms my patient is experiencing, please approve codes 43644 and 43281 to revise her bariatric procedure to a Roux en Y Gastric Bypass and to perform a laparoscopic hiatal hernia repair. If you have any questions, please call my office at 317-887-7771.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven M. Clark, MD".

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