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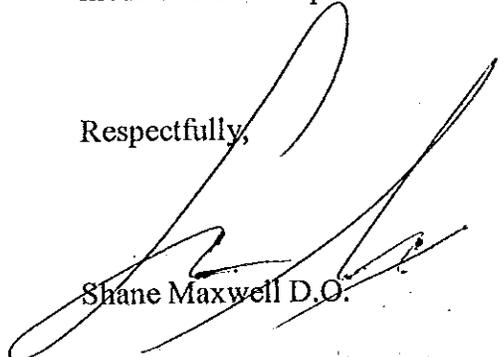
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to the medication Lyrica/pregabalin. It is my understanding that the committee is meeting to determine access to this medication. I strongly support the use of Lyrica in my patients and would hope that you would allow unrestricted access to the medication. It has been extremely helpful over the years for patients with a multitude of different pain conditions. It is a medication that can be used in place of narcotic medications. There are many times the patient is started on narcotic medication or continued on a narcotic medication when Lyrica would be able to do the same job without the long term consequences or side effects, and possible addictive potentials involved in a narcotic pain medications. However because of limited access or cost of the medication and prior authorization problems we are unable to provide this medication to the patient.

Respectfully,


Shane Maxwell D.O.