When Ryan is hospitalized, he is placed in the stepdown unit or ICU regardless of his admitting diagnosis because he must have one to one nursing care at all times, whether he is in or out of the hospital.

In short, Ryan has absolutely no chance of survival without 24 hour nursing care. He was not expected to live beyond infancy. He has made to the age of 27 years with intense treatment by 24 hour nursing. He absolutely needs to maintain the level of service that has been provided.

I am happy to address any further questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

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