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Dear Doctor,

A mental health evaluation of my patient is requested with respect to suitability for bariatric surgery/surgical treatment of Morbid Obesity.

Please evaluate this patient with respect to:

- Adverse psychiatric conditions: psychosis, severe neurosis, or severe behavioral disorder, which might contraindicate surgery.
- Unreasonable expectations or unrealistic goals.
- Understanding of the risks and discomforts of surgery.
- Ability to understand and comply with instructions and recommendations.
- Acceptance of the need for active participation in the therapy process for life.

Please include a typed report that indicates if the patient is cleared at this time for bariatric surgery.

The results of your evaluation will assist in determining the patient's suitability for surgery and may also be made available to an insurance carrier for determination of coverage eligibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario P. Morales, M.D.".

Mario P. Morales, M.D.
Medical Director, SSM Health Weight Management Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew A. Wheeler, MD".

Andrew A. Wheeler, MD
Bariatric Surgeon