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Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

At your request, aquatic therapy is being considered as a home therapy modality to address your child's therapy needs. This aquatic therapy would be provided in your own personal pool. Because of the safety risks involved with aquatic therapy, it is important that you read the attached summary of risks and personal liability associated with the use of your pool for therapy as performed by Stepping Stones Pediatric Therapy, LLC. Please read the risks and liability facts and concerns sheet, and decide whether or not to permit your child(ren) and your therapist to use your pool for your child's therapy. After doing so, please sign the attached form and have your therapist sign and return it to our office. **This must be received prior to the start of your child's aquatic therapy. If you have further questions about the risks and liabilities, please contact our office immediately at 480-626-4142.**

PARENT COPY (Please keep for your records)

By signing this form, I am acknowledging that I have read the document entitled **Risks and Liabilities Associated with Consent of Use of My Pool for Aquatic Therapy**, written by Stepping Stones Pediatric Therapy, LLC. I have been given the opportunity to talk with my therapist and Stepping Stones Pediatric Therapy administrative staff about the use of my pool for aquatic therapy, and I understand the risks associated with the use of my pool by my child(ren) and the therapist while aquatic therapy services are performed.

I **do** consent to my therapy providers use of my pool with my child(ren) and I accept all liability for the safety of all parties involved.

I **do not** consent to my therapy providers use of my pool with my child(ren) and I **do not** accept all liability for the safety of all parties involved.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date

Name(s) of child(ren)

Signature of Therapy Provider Date

OFFICE COPY (Please cut off and return to the office)

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It is **extremely important** that you consider all of the following risks and liability concerns prior to allowing aquatic therapy to be performed at your home. Foremost, it is important to be aware that **drowning is the second leading cause of death for children under the age of 14. Please take these cautions into consideration**, and follow all necessary precautions, as lives could be at stake!

Your therapist holds the appropriate credentials to perform therapy within the state of Arizona. Per the State of Arizona, this includes the use of Aquatic Therapy as a modality. They are also required to be CPR certified and maintain this certification up to date, renewing every 2 years. *****Please be aware that your therapist is not a licensed swim instructor and does not hold certification and training as a life guard (unless they have chosen to pursue these certifications)!******

As with any potential injury that could take place on your own property, **YOU ARE ASSUMING ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF NOT ONLY THE CHILD(REN), BUT ALSO THE THERAPIST!** Therefore, it is requested and recommended that you are present while your child's therapies are in session, at all times. *****We ask and recommend that you or an individual over the age of 18 that is able to swim, are present and in direct observation of the child(ren) and therapist at all times while your child(ren) receive aquatic therapy.*** We also recommend that the therapist chooses not to provide aquatic therapy if an abled third party is unable to be available and present . If, for any reason, something should happen to the child(ren) or therapist, it is imperative that a third party is available to come to the aid of the threatened parties! We CANNOT stress this enough!**

Important Drowning Prevention Considerations and safety tips:

- Never leave a child unattended in the water or pool area for any reason. Don't be distracted by doorbells, phone calls, chores or conversations. If you must leave the pool area, take the child with you, making sure the pool gate latches securely when it closes.
- Always keep your eyes on the child or children. Designate a child watcher, whether you or someone else, when you attend a party or have friends or family over.
- Talk with baby-sitters about pool safety, supervision and drowning prevention.
- Post rules such as "No running," "No pushing," "No dunking" and "Never swim alone." Enforce the rules.
- Don't rely on swimming lessons or "floaties" to protect your children in the water.
- Don't assume that drowning or a drowning incident couldn't happen to you or your family.
- Don't have a false sense of security just because you think your pool area and home are secure. Always watch your children, whether in the house or outside.
- Attend a CPR class. Make sure your baby-sitter knows CPR.
- For the nearest cardiopulmonary resuscitation class, contact your fire department, Red Cross or hospital.
- Encourage your neighbors to follow pool safety guidelines, including keeping their back gates and doors locked, and their pool gates securely closed and latched.

Besides the risk of drowning, it is important that all **parties are aware of the potential for contracting recreational water illnesses that are caused by germs such as Cryptosporidium, Giardia, Shigella, and E.coli O157:H7.** Although this is less common in private swimming pools than in public pools, these illnesses have the potential to infect a person who accidentally swallows or has contact with contaminated water. To prevent this:

- Cover diapers with tight plastic pants or use diapers designed for swimming.
- Don't swallow the water. Keep all water out of your mouth
- Do not swim in a pool or lake if you've had a fever, diarrhea, or nausea within the past 24 hours.
- Take a shower before swimming.
- Change diapers in a bathroom. Wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers.
- Take your children on bathroom breaks often.

Please remember, you and your therapist are a team and need to agree on performing therapy in the pool on any given day! If the child or the therapist is not feeling up to an aquatic therapy session, please be sure to alert one another of this and do not go forward with therapy in the pool that day. Thank you for taking all of these important cautions into consideration. Safety should always come first!