

### Person 1

Ms. G is a 69 year old Caucasian female who remains in a nursing facility located 60 miles from her home in Riverhead, NY. She is unable to return to her home in Riverhead as she is unable to self-administer her insulin injections and care for her colostomy due to poor hand mobility as a result of Cerebral Palsy. Mrs. G's primary support was her husband who passed away a few years ago. She has no children and has lost contact with most of her family over the years due to her multiple hospitalizations and nursing home placements. Mrs. G would be able to return to her home in Riverhead and live an independent life amongst her peers if she was able to have the appropriate care in the home to support her diabetes and colostomy. Mrs. G is knowledgeable of her disease process and is self-directing in her care. Her only barrier at this time is obtaining home care in the community to support her therefore forcing her to remain institutionalized for the rest of her days.

### Person 2

Ms. S is a 78 year old widowed female who remains in a nursing facility located 40 miles from her home town of Hampton Bays. Ms. S suffers from diabetes and is legally blind. Ms. S would like to return home however she is unable to administer her diabetes medication due to her visual impairments. Ms. S has a son that lives out of state who is supportive of her returning home however cannot provide the oversight needed for her medication administration on a daily basis due to his distance. Ms. S's daughter is a school teacher who lives local however due to her job she is unable to fully commit to being available during daytime hours to assist with the medication administration as well. Ms. S is knowledgeable of her disease process and is self-directing in her care. Her only barrier at this time is obtaining home care in the community to support her therefore forcing her to remain institutionalized for the rest of her days. Ms. S's children continue to worry about their mother's care and feel helpless.

### Person 3

Ms. M is a 40 year old single mother of 2 children diagnosed with cerebral arterial occlusion in 2009 which rendered her non ambulatory. She suffers from diabetes which requires daily monitoring and insulin injections; end stage renal disease which requires dialysis 3 times weekly as well as turning and position due to her immobility. Ms. M is also legally blind. Due to Ms. M's multiple mobility impairments as well as her visual impairments she is unable to tend to her medication administration as directed. Ms. M's 2 children are high school and college aged and are unable to provide the care their mother needs in the community. Ms. M's children are required to visit their mother in a nursing home without the hope that she will ever return home. Ms. M is knowledgeable of her disease process and is self-directing in her care. Her only barrier at this time is

obtaining home care in the community to support her therefore forcing her to miss out on the lives of her children and remain institutionalized.

#### Person 4

Mr. G is a 59 year old divorced white male who is legally blind, has diabetes which requires daily monitoring and insulin injections; end stage renal disease which requires dialysis 3 times weekly as well as a left leg amputation which limits his mobility and requires him to utilize a motorized wheelchair. Mr. G desperately wants to return to the community however he has no supports in the community who are able to tend to his daily medication needs. Mr. G has a sister and a father who live in the county however due to their age and own medical needs are unable to commit to daily assistance. Mr. G dreams of attending church services, enjoying talking books and painting and hopes one day to get a prosthetic leg so he can walk again. Mr. G has reported that he feels hopeless in the nursing home and feels that he will die many years too soon just because he is in a facility. Mr. G is knowledgeable of his disease process and is self-directing in his care. His only barrier at this time is obtaining home care in the community to support his needs therefore forcing him to remain institutionalized for the rest of his days.

#### Person 5

Mr. W is a 59 single white male who has uncontrolled diabetes which resulted in bilateral partial foot amputations as well as stroke and visual impairments. Mr. W requires wound care, medication administration in the form of injections and close monitoring of his diabetes. Mr. W lost his home to foreclosure back in 2009 due to long frequent stays in hospitals and rehabs in which he was unable to work and pay his mortgage. Prior to his current stay in the nursing home he was residing with his mother who assisted with his care however due to her declining health she was ultimately placed in a nursing facility and is no longer able to provide the care he needs. Mr. W so desperately wants to return to the community and his only request was to be close to the nursing home where his mother is so that he can visit her frequently. Mr. W has sister in the community that would be a support however she works, has a family and is unable to provide the amount of daily care needed to safely assist him at home. Mr. W is knowledgeable of his disease process and is self-directing in his care. His only barrier at this time is obtaining home care in the community to support his needs therefore forcing him to remain institutionalized. Mr. W feels stranded in the nursing home and is unable to visit with his mother whom he is so close to and fears that she will die before he is able to see her again.