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To: Jacki Whitford
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From: Shirley Ann Schwabe, OTA
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Re: Australian Medical Sheepskin Products

Dear Ms. Whitford,

I am writing to share a story with you that will help AADL understand the important role of Australian Medical Sheepskin Products to our client's healthcare needs.

Our OT Department receives about four referrals per month from our Homecare Nurses to address skin breakdown issues for their clients. Our most recent referral was for a 98 year old woman with "shearing" to her coccyx and sacrum. In gathering more information in prep for an OT home visit I discovered Homecare staff had already done some problem solving in regards to the shearing. This lady accessed her bed by getting into the bottom of it and then scooting herself to the top of it and did the reverse to get out of bed. She regularly complained of her bottom being sore while doing this however was unable to change how she got in or out of bed. I had a conversation with her son who had some knowledge of the benefits of sheepskin from Home Care however hadn't purchased any yet. I offered to educate him some more on how, in his Moms situation, the use of AMS would help prevent the shearing action which was causing the skin breakdown. He graciously accepted it and was very eager to obtain one for his Mom so she could heal. The following day he purchased the 60" x 30" bedpad which they use under her in bed or while she is sitting in her favorite chair. Twelve days after receiving the bedpad the son and Homecare report that the client is fully healed and an OT visit is no longer required.

We see the benefits of Aussie Medical Sheepskin daily in our practice which includes acute care, LTC, assisted living facilities and home care. Our clients have improved quality of life because of pressure, moisture and shearing prevention. Being able to access this product through AADL would enable our clients more options to help address their care needs.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley Ann Schwabe", is written over a horizontal line.

Shirley Ann Schwabe, OTA