



Make today a breakthrough.

July 17, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

Cure SMA is the leading national organization representing and supporting individuals and families impacted by spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), many of whom experience unique and complex health needs daily. This letter requests your support to allow your employee, who serves as a personal care attendant for a client with SMA, to continue to provide services and be exempt from any local stay-at-home order.

SMA often requires critical in-home personal care services to support adults and children with activities of daily living. These activities include feeding, toileting, dressing, shopping, meal preparation, and other critical personal activities. Without these services, people with SMA are unable to function and live independently and are at risk for deterioration in their health and welfare.

During this public health crisis, it remains a high priority that people with SMA remain healthy and safe. COVID-19 poses a greater threat to individuals with SMA, specifically as it relates to respiratory health. It is of utmost importance to keep this vulnerable community as safe as possible.

As stated above, you employ a personal care attendant who supports a member of the SMA community in their home. This letter serves as documentation to allow this individual to transit to and from their residence, as well as to the grocery store or pharmacy to ensure their physical and medical needs are being met. As a homebased care provider employer, I hope that you will exempt this personal care attendant from the stay at home order during their scheduled shifts.

If you have any questions or are in need of additional information about SMA, please contact us at [info@curesma.org](mailto:info@curesma.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Hobby".

Kenneth Hobby  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Schroth".

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