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JDoe ABC Testing and ER 03.2017.pdf	25248 KB
JDoe ABC ER 01.2017 - SOB.pdf	1499 KB
JDoe ABC ER 11.2016-12.2016 - BDs.pdf	6078 KB
JDoe ABC ER 08.2012 - Aches and Pains.pdf	1679 KB
JDoe ABC ER 2011 and ER 2007 - SOB.pdf	11909 KB
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- 1: JDoe ABC Testing and ER 03.2017
- 2: JDoe ABC ER 01.2017 - SOB
- 3: JDoe ABC ER 11.2016-12.2016 - BDs
- 4: JDoe ABC ER 08.2012 - Aches and Pains
- 5: JDoe ABC ER 2011 and ER 2007 - SOB

Ms. Doe is currently experiencing homelessness in Washington, DC and is completing this claim with the assistance of her 1696 representative Case Manager who can be reached at case.manager@miriamskitchen.org or 123-456-7891.

The above files detail Ms. Doe 's trips to the ' ABC University Hospital Emergency Room ('ABC ER) over the past ten years. They are sorted from most recent to oldest.

The most recent three visits are in the first three files and are three distinct ER trips in which Ms. Doe visited the ABC ER for related symptoms exacerbated by her COPD, airway constriction due to the goiter growing from her thyroid, and limited lung capacity. All three of these ER visits occurred within the year surrounding Ms. Doe 's stated date of onset in March 2017.

Ms. Doe presented in late November 30, 2016 for breathing difficulties and was admitted to stay that day and the next, discharged on December 1st. During this visit, Ms. Doe 's acute asthma and COPD are noted, as is the fact that Ms. Doe had at this point stopped sleeping on her back several years prior as she was so concerned she would stop breathing in such a position. (page 12 of file 1: JDoe ABC ER 11.2016 - 12.2016 - BDs)

Ms. Doe presented again for similar concerns (shortness of breath) about 6 weeks late on January 19, 2017. (file 2: JDoe ABC ER 01.2017).

Ms. Doe presented less than two months later at the ABC ER again for similar concerns and her inpatient stay there lasted from March 14, 2017 until March 23rd - just about ten days. The documentation from this visit is in file 2 - JDoe ABC Testing and ER 03.2017. The file begins with follow-up testing done in late June 2017 to compare to testing done in March. In this testing, as was noted in her March testing as well in the following pages, there is "a mass effect on the upper trachea from thyroid goiter" (page 1). Also noted are abdominal aortic calcification, thoracic aortic calcifications, calcifications of the coronary artery, and still noted is shortness of breath on exacerbation. Severe exacerbations of her COPD are noted throughout the following pages of her March 2017 visit, stating "she couldn't ambulate more than 10-15 feet without needing to brace herself against something. (page 17)." Ms. Doe was rendered

so weak that the team notes they are uncertain if she has had a transient ischemic attack or mild stroke. (page 19). The notes of this inpatient stay document a severity not previously seen in Ms. Doe 's admissions though they frequently reference Ms. Doe 's earlier presentations for similar concerns and note the presence of her thyroid goiter since at least 2007, stating effects of this goiter, her COPD exacerbations, and limited lung capacity have worsened to a level not before seen by the hospital nor experienced by Ms. Doe (throughout this file - JDoe ABCTesting and ER 03.2017).

Earlier presentations at the ABC ER for similar concerns are documented in the last two files.

An August 2012 visit to the ER for generalized aches and pains is documented in file 4. While Ms. Doe did not present with shortness of breath at this visit in the "severe" urgency as noted in other visits in 2007 and 2011, a Chest X-ray notes the way in which Ms. Doe 's thyroid condition causes deviation of her trachea and "retrotracheal fullness," meaning the space that extends from the thoracic inlet to the aortic arch and is normally visible as radiolucent on lateral chest radiographs is appearing as filled in due to this growth on her thyroid (page 5 of file 4, JDoe ABC ER - 08.2012 - Aches and Pains).

File 5, JDoe ABC ER 2011 and ER 2007 - SOB, contains the records from hospital visits in 2007 and 2011, both of which involved Ms. Doe presenting at ABC ER for shortness of breath. In both visits, the size of Ms. Doe 's thyroid goiter is noted: "thyroid enlargement with compression of trachea/esophagus as seen on chest XRay is likely the most contributing factor to patient's [illegible] and increased oxygen requirement." (page 20 of file 5, JDoe ABC ER 2011 and ER 2007 - SOB)

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JDoe XYZ All Records Part 1 of 3.pdf	15096 KB
JDoe XYZ All Records Part 2 of 3.pdf	15728 KB
JDoe XYZ All Records Part 3 of 3.pdf	14969 KB
JDoe XYZ Notes 10.2017.pdf	2191 KB
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- 1: JDoe XYZ . All Records Part 1 of 3
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- 3: JDoe XYZ All Records Part 3 of 3
- 4: JDoe XYZ Notes 10.2017

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The above are records from Ms. Doe's team at the XYZ Medical Associates, where she receives ongoing primary care and regularly sees a pulmonologist.

The first three (JDoe XYZ Records Parts 1, 2, and 3) include, in the very first pages, results from pulmonary functioning tests she completed in July 2017 including spirometry results that indicate her FEV1 levels as .67 liters pre and .75 liters post. The records in these files are sourced mostly from dates following her week-long admission to ABC Hospital in March 2017 for complications arising from COPD exacerbations and extreme shortness of breath. They include pathology lab tests, XRays, and CT scans of her chest and airways.

The last document is also from XYZ and includes progress notes from an October 2017 visit to Dr. Best Doctor, Ms. Doe's pulmonologist. Beginning on page 3, Dr. Doctor has noted Ms. Doe's large goiter on her thyroid which constricts her air way. Dr. Doctor also notes that Ms. Doe is currently not smoking and has not smoked since her March 2017 Hospital admission and her shortness of breath has only worsened despite this cessation. In some records, including the pulmonary function tests named above, Ms. Doe's records of her chronic cigarette use have been held over and will thus indicate "cigarettes:yes" but it is important to note Ms. Doe has not smoked at all since her March 2017 hospital admission and has continued to experience extremely diminished shortness of breath in that time.

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JDoe B Health Clinics All Records.pdf	10703 KB
JDoe JKL All Records - ER May 2014 - SOB.pdf	10938 KB
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These two files JDoe B Health Clinics All Records and JDoe JKL All Records - ER May 2014 - SOB) provide further details of Ms. Doe 's difficulties with exacerbations of COPD, her limited lung capacity, and the constriction of her airway due to a thyroid goiter.

Unity Health is a network of health clinics and mobile providers in Washington, DC that provide services to low or no income individuals. Ms. Doe often met with the B doctor at Miriam's Kitchen when she felt exacerbations of her breathing difficulties, needed interim medications to manage these difficulties, or was faced with other generalized health problems.

Ms. Doe visited the JKL Hospital ER in Washington, DC for concerns of shortness of breath and was treated at the ER there with measures similar to those provided to her repeatedly at the ABC ER between 2007 and 2017, as documented in other provided records.