



August 17, 2025

Mathew Ralidak and Veronika Goodnight:

As Elora Goodnight-Ralidak's treating therapist and her therapist's supervisor, we are writing this letter after revisiting the dispute around Elora continuing therapeutic treatment at Compass Health. We revisited this matter based on Elora's mother's concerns regarding her voice not being heard when the decision was made in May for Elora to continue therapy.

We have consulted with the Quality Department at Compass Health. They have advised that according to state legal guidance regarding consent to treatment, when treatment has begun prior to one parent withdrawing consent, and interrupting the treatment would be to the detriment of the patient, treatment should continue while the parents seek resolution of their dispute.

It is our clinical assessment that Elora's current need for therapy is significant and the continuation of treatment will be more beneficial to her, compared to the likely distress of an abrupt discontinuation. Thus, after reconsideration of these issues, we are going forward with continuing Elora's treatment sessions at Compass Health at this time.

We understand there is a difference of opinion about the decision to continue treatment for Elora. This difference of opinion needs to be addressed in mediation per the parenting plan, and Compass Health will respect the outcome of that mediation once it is received.

Sincerely,

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