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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to request open access for antipsychotics, specifically for Rexulti and Abilify Maintena. I prescribe both of these medications with great success. Augmenting Rexulti for Major Depressive Disorder has been extremely beneficial. Many patients who struggled for years with symptoms of depression, both with and without anxiety, have flourished since beginning Rexulti. Abilify Maintena has provided many of my patients the stability of long acting medication. Patients have difficulty remembering to take medications by mouth, and side effects to by mouth medications can be debilitating. Furthermore, in my experience Abilify Maintena has been more effective than other options.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brandee Shipman DNP, BS, BSN, PMHNP-BC