Discharge Planning Process

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Discharge Planning

- What is discharge planning?
 - A process of identifying each resident's discharge goals and needs, and then developing and implementing interventions to ensure those goals and needs are met.
- When does discharge planning start?
 - Upon Admission
- Why is discharge planning important?
 - Ensure we know the resident goals related to discharge.
 - Identify any necessary support (caregiver, referral to local contact agencies, etc.) to meet those goals.
 - To provide education regarding post discharge care to prevent readmission and ensures resident safe transition home or to another care setting.

Meet Harriet

- Admitted from an acute care hospital
- History of falls at home
- Post hip fracture requiring surgical repair
- Diagnosis of bladder cancer with chronic pain
- Receives narcotic pain medication
- Indwelling catheter
- Physical Therapy discharging resident on Friday
- Upon discharge, plans to resume living with her daughter, who has an intellectual disability

Discharge Planning Who should be included in the discharge planning process? Resident Resident's representative Physician Nursing staff Direct Care Staff Dietician or nutrition staff Anyone else determined by resident's needs (Home Care, Hospice, Ombudsman)or requested by the resident (primary caregiver, family)







Discharge Planning to New Care Provider Assist the resident in choosing an appropriate care provider, by helping them find information to make an educated decision, such as: Show Me Home Care and Rehab Nursing Home Compare Home Health Compare Show Me Long Term Care

Discharge Planning

DOCUMENT!
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Individualized Service Plan (ISP)
Minimum Data Set
Resident Record

Preparing a Discharge Summary

At the time of discharge, all certified SNFs must complete a discharge summary, which includes:

- A recap of the resident's stay
 - Describes the course of treatment while residing in the facility
 - Diagnosis, course of illness, treatment, and/or therapy, and pertinent lab, radiology, and consultation results, including pending lab results

Preparing a Discharge Summary

- A final summary of the resident's status, which includes information from the most recent comprehensive assessment, including:
 - Customary routine
 - Cognitive patterns
 - Communication
 - Vision
 - Mood and Behavior Patterns
 - Psychosocial well-being
 - Physical functioning and structural problems
 - Continence
 - Disease diagnosis and health conditions
 - Skin conditions
 - Activity pursuit
 - Medications
 - Special treatment and procedures

Preparing a Discharge Summary

A reconciliation of medications

- A resident's discharge medications may differ from the medications he/she took in the facility
- If a discrepancy is found, assess and resolve
- Ensure discharge instructions and accompanying prescriptions accurately reflect the reconciled medication list in the discharge summary

Preparing a Discharge Summary

- Create a post-discharge plan of care
 - Developed by the resident and/or representative, and the ID team
 - Include arrangements facility has made to address the resident's needs after discharge
 - Include instructions given to the resident and/or representative, in a manner they are able to understand

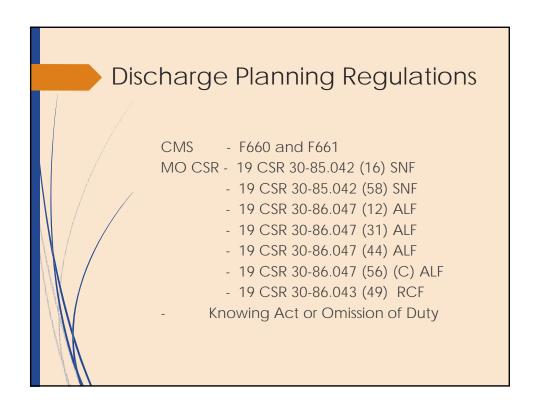
Preparing a Discharge Summary Post-Discharge Plan of Care (cont.) Post Discharge Plan of Care should include: Where the resident will live Follow-up care the resident will receive Needed medical and non-medical services Community care and support services When and how to contact the continuing care provider (document if efforts to assist the resident in locating a continuing care provider are unsuccessful

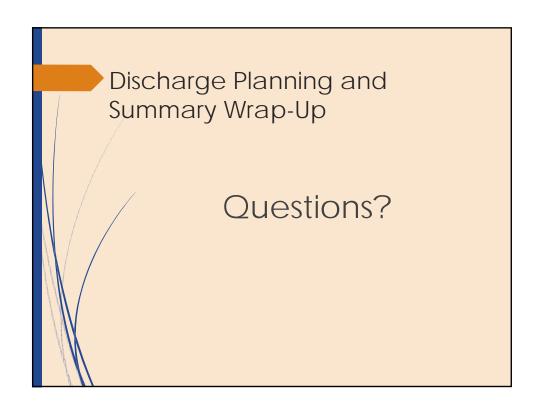
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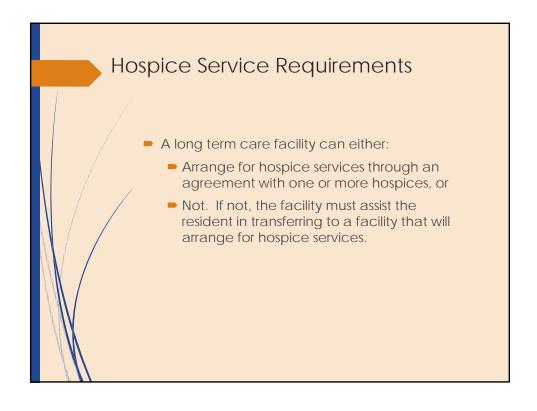
- In addition, the facility must provide the following information to the receiving provider:
 - Contact information of the practitioner for the care of the resident
 - Resident representative information, if applicable, including contact information
 - Advance Directive information
 - All special instructions or precautions for ongoing care, as appropriate
 - Comprehensive care plan goals
 - All other necessary information, including a copy of the resident's discharge summary, and any other information for a smooth transition of care

What Can Go Wrong?

- Harriet- Discharged home without pain medication and no continuing care provider. Admitted to hospital to obtain necessary medication.
- Discharged to another facility without current orders for Coumadin and PT/INR monitoring.
- Resident discharged home with a manual lift and her primary care giver was 9 months pregnant and not able to operate the lift.
- Resident discharged home and primary caregiver had dementia and unable to care for the resident.
- Resident discharged home in wheelchair and home had 12 steps to get inside.
- Resident discharged home with no support system in place to provide basic care, outside what home health is able to provide.









Facility must designate a person to work with hospice representatives to coordinate care for the resident. The designee must have a clinical background and be able to assess the resident or have access to someone that has the skills. Facility must ensure that each resident's written plan of care includes the most recent hospice plan of care, and a description of the services furnished by the facility.

