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Hudson County Rehab Discharge Checklist

Bring this sheet to the discharge planning meeting. Ask the care team and billing office to help your family complete it before your parent leaves rehab.

Discharge or transfer date _____ Last covered day _____

Earliest deadline on a notice _____

Discharge planner and phone _____

☐ Write down the dates on every notice

Get the planned discharge or transfer date, the last day of covered care, and any appeal deadline. Keep the notices together and note whom to call. If you disagree with a Medicare coverage decision, read the notice promptly and see Medicare's fast appeal instructions.

☐ Confirm where your parent will go and what will be ready

Ask the discharge planner who will arrange transportation, medications, equipment, home services, and follow-up. If your parent is going home, confirm when help starts and who can cover any gap.

☐ Ask billing what will be charged and who is being asked to pay

Get the daily rate, the date private charges would begin, and the facility's written policy for a pending Medicaid application. Keep a copy of any admission or payment agreement. Before signing, flag any wording that appears to make you personally responsible for the bill.

☐ Gather any Medicaid application records

Keep the application or case number, proof of submission, agency letters, and documents already sent. Write down what the agency still needs, who will send it, and when it is due. If no application has been filed, ask the discharge planner whom to contact about screening and next steps.

☐ Check who has authority to act

Find any financial power of attorney, health care directive, or guardianship order. Confirm who can make care decisions and who can handle payments or sign agreements.

Contacts and resources

Hudson County Division on Aging **201-369-4313**
Medicare fast appeal instructions
Willis Law Group's Hudson County discharge guide **201-897-7750**

If you call about a notice, share the earliest deadline. Calling the firm does not extend it.