

Provider Checklists to Support Care Transitions

The purpose of this checklist is to give providers and clinicians a simple way to confirm that you have considered the key issues affecting patient success during care transitions, prior to discharging patients from the hospital to home or hospital to facility-based care.

The Care Transition Process

Care transitions are the most important part of the process, yet often the most difficult part of the process for patients. When patients move from one environment to another environment, they are exposed to new risks. The checklist is intended to mitigate these risks.

#	Questions to Consider When Patient is Going from Hospital to Home	Check
1	Is discharge from the hospital premature?	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	What are the patient's individual needs and goals?	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Who is in charge during the care transition process?	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Does your patient understand your instructions for discharge?	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Does your patient have a loved one who will be there on the day of transfer? Who is going to be your patient's "eyes and ears" on Day 1 of your patient's transfer? Is this person available for the entire day?	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Are services in place for discharge?	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Does your patient have what they need at home to be successful? Does the patient have enough help at home? Does the patient have enough food at home?	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Does your patient have enough money to fill prescribed medications? Does your patient have someone who will fill their medications? Does your patient understand your medication instructions?	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Does your patient have transportation to follow up appointments? Does your patient need to have a follow-up appointment scheduled before discharge?	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Does your patient need medical equipment or remote patient monitoring technology at home?	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Does the patient have access to broadband services and devices at home?	<input type="checkbox"/>