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§484.60(c)(3)(ii) Any revisions related to plans for the patient's discharge must be communicated to the patient, representative, caregiver, all physicians issuing orders for the HHA plan of care, and the patient's primary care practitioner or other health care professional who will be responsible for providing care and services to the patient after discharge from the HHA (if any).

Interpretive Guidelines §484.60(c)(3)(ii)

Discharge planning begins early in the provision of care and must be revised as the patient's condition or life circumstances change. There must be evidence in the clinical record that the HHA discussed any such changes with the patient, his or her representative (if any) and the responsible physician. Other physicians who contributed orders to the patient's plan of care must also be notified of changes to the patient's discharge plan.