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§482.43(c)(4) - The hospital must reassess the patient's discharge plan if there are factors that may affect continuing care needs or the appropriateness of the discharge plan.

Interpretive Guidelines §482.43(c)(4)

Changes in a patient's condition may warrant adjustments to the discharge plan. Hospitals must have in place either a routine reassessment of all plans or a process for triggering a reassessment of the patient's post-discharge needs, capabilities and discharge plan when significant changes in the patient's condition or available supports occur.

Survey Procedures §482.43(c)(4)

- Review a sample of cases to determine if any significant changes in the patient's condition were noted in the medical record that changed post-discharge needs, and if the discharge plan was updated accordingly.
- In making this determination, ask staff responsible for discharge planning when and how they reassess a patient's discharge plan. If none of the records being used for the tracers suggest a need to revise the discharge plan, ask staff to present one or more clinical records that document reassessment.