

## **77071 Aftercare Services**

### **(a)**

Prior to or at the time of discharge, each patient shall be evaluated concerning the patient's need for aftercare services with the result of that evaluation noted in the patient's health record.

### **(b)**

Aftercare services are those services to, and on behalf of, a patient following discharge from the psychiatric health facility for the purpose of enabling the patient to achieve an optimum level of functioning.

### **(c)**

Aftercare services shall include but not be limited to the following: (1) Arranging for out-of-home placement if necessary. (2) Arranging for medication supervision if indicated. (3) Obtaining community social, vocational and educational services if appropriate.

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### **(d)**

If a licensed psychiatric health facility does not provide its own aftercare service through its employed staff, it shall affiliate or have an agreement with a recognized aftercare agency in the facility's service area to provide aftercare services to patients who could benefit from such services upon discharge from the facility.

**(e)**

A member of the interdisciplinary team designated by the clinical director, shall be responsible for ensuring that the referral of the patient to the appropriate aftercare service has been completed and documented in the patient's health record.

**(f)**

In accordance with Health and Safety Code, Section 1284 and Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5622, aftercare plans shall be transmitted to the local director of mental health services in the county of residence for any patient placed in the facility under a county Short-Doyle plan.

**(g)**

The content of the aftercare plan shall conform to the requirements of Health and Safety Code, Section 1284.