

97520.11 Patient Discharge

(a)

Each facility shall have a written discharge procedure.

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The procedure shall provide for the preparation of a discharge report. The discharge report shall be signed by the attending surgeon and shall include at least the following: (1) A summary of significant events of the patient stay. (2) The patient's condition upon discharge. (3) Any special care needs of the patient. (4) The arrangements for future care.

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The procedure shall include provisions to assure that the medical record is checked, that discharge instructions are complete, that patients discharged with prescribed drugs are advised on the proper use and storage of those drugs, that

discharge instructions are acknowledged by the patient with a signature, and that all items listed on the inventory required by section 97520.7(b) are in the possession of the patient upon discharge. The procedure shall also address the disposition of prescribed drugs.

(d)

Any discharge shall be authorized in writing by the attending surgeon, except in the case of emergency transfers.

(e)

Each patient must be discharged to a responsible, accompanying adult after being escorted from the facility by a member of the nursing staff.