

NDHCRI Generic Quality Screens

Skilled Nursing Facility

1. Compare hospital discharge summary and admission assessment to SNF to determine appropriateness of discharge to SNF and appropriateness of admission to and continued stay in that SNF. If SNF was unable to provide the care determined to be appropriate, was there documentation to initiate and provide safe, appropriate care within 24 hours?
2. In assessing the following elements, judge whether there was an appropriate notification, response, and further evaluation process initiated within 4 hours for A-D and 24 hours for E-J.
 - a. Medication
 - i. Polypharmacy (more than 7 drugs)
 - ii. Drug regime review
 - iii. Drug renewal
 - iv. Prescribed administration
 - v. Errors
 - b. Vital signs
 - i. Temperature of 101 degrees F oral (102 degrees F rectal)
 1. Patient left AMA
 2. B.P. <85 or >180 systolic or <50 or >110 diastolic
 - a. Death
 - b. Patient left AMA
 3. Pulse <50 (45 if the patient is on a beta blocker), or >120
 - a. Death
 - b. Patient left AMA
 - c. Fall with injury or untoward effect
 - d. Indication of an infection following an invasive procedure

- e. Hydration and nutrition
 - f. Sudden onset of confusion or change of mental status - improvement of mental status
 - g. Mobility
 - i. Decrease in activities of daily living
 - ii. New contractures
 - iii. Ability to transfer
 - h. Pressure sores
 - i. Inappropriate use of restraints
 - j. Elimination
 - i. Change in continence
 - ii. Change in urinary output
 - iii. Diarrhea or constipation
3. Abnormal results of diagnostic services addressed and resolved or the record explains why they are unresolved - patient left AMA
4. If appropriate, were the following disciplines addressed by an assessment, plan of care, ongoing evaluation, and discharge plan?
- a. Occupational Therapy - Discharge plan is excluded in the case of death or patient left AMA
 - b. Physical Therapy - Discharge plan is excluded in the case of death or patient left AMA
 - c. Speech Therapy – Discharge plan is excluded in the case of death or patient left AMA
 - d. Social Service – Discharge plan is excluded in the case of death or patient left AMA
 - e. Physician – Discharge plan is excluded in the case of death or patient left AMA

- f. Nursing – Discharge plan is excluded in the case of death or patient left AMA
 - g. Dietary Care – Discharge plan is excluded in the case of death or patient left AMA
5. Deaths following transfer to hospital as ascertained from the hospital record
6. In the judgment of the professional reviewer, are there any other events/patterns of care that resulted in adverse outcomes that should be evaluated?