


OHCA 2018 Convention & Expo

**Session #: W27**

**Optimizing Transitions of Care:  
Real life SNF to HHA experiences**




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**Objectives:**

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

- Discuss barriers to communication between SNF and HHA Providers
- Describe specific methods to improve successful discharges from the SNF setting
- State two approaches to educating staff, patients, and caregivers in care transitions from SNF to HHA

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### Why Optimize Transition of Care: SNF to HHA?

- Does optimization matter?
  - Quality Measures
  - Continuity of Care
  - Patient Centered Care
  - Bottom Line...
- How or why?



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### Acute Stay: Sally Smith

- 72 yo widowed female, lives with daughter
- CHF, Type 2 Diabetes, 275#, 5 ft 5 in tall
- Stroke 2 years ago
  - Minimum assist for transfers and ambulates with rolling walker
  - Daughter becomes primary care provider
- 4 weeks ago, another stroke
  - Hospital x 1 wk then to SNF
    - Requires maximum assistance for transfers and ambulation
    - Patient's goal is to go home with daughter ASAP



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### Transition Acute to SNF: Sally Smith

- Referral process
- Admission process



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**SNF Stay: Sally Smith**

<p><b>Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payer identification &amp; understanding</li> <li>• Staff coverage/training for acuity of patient</li> <li>• Insufficient communication on patient progress</li> <li>• Caregiver involvement</li> </ul>	<p><b>Success</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discharge planning from day of Admission</li> <li>• IDT meeting within first 7 days to establish plan</li> <li>• Family/patient education</li> <li>• Home evaluation</li> <li>• Check off sheet for proper discharge</li> <li>• IDT meeting 5-7 days prior to DC</li> </ul>
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**Transition SNF to HHA: Sally Smith**

<p><b>Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SNF not knowing what documents HHA needs</li> <li>• SNF not understanding requirements to certify</li> <li>• SNF explanation of HHA services</li> <li>• HHA provider staff resources for SOC</li> <li>• DC orders for HHA, DME, Meds</li> </ul>	<p><b>Success</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review documents received from SNF             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Continuity of Care Info</li> <li>– Face to Face (F2F) Encounter Doc</li> <li>– Designated Community PCP</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Initial Assessment within 24-48 hours of SNF discharge</li> </ul>
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**Transition SNF to HHA: Sally Smith**

**Best Practice for transition from SNF to HHA**

- Educate SNF DC Planners, Patient and caregivers
- HHA Liaison works with SNF DC Planner
- HHA benefits brochure available
- SNF Medical Directors aware of HHA certification requirements
- Community Primary Care Physician (PCP) aware of transfer
- Communication between SNF and HHA
  - ER or back to SNF within 30 days

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**Home Health Stay: Sally Smith**  
 Successful Community DC to Age in Place

- Inclusion of Patient and Caregiver in:
  - Development of Plan of Care
  - Start DC Planning
  - Visit schedule posted
  - Medication list in home
  - Each visit: Discussion of treatments, expectations, and progress towards goals

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**Walk Away Message?**  
 Communicate, Collaborate, Coordinate...  
 Working together optimizes transitions of care.




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**Questions?**



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