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**Looking to
Lower
Readmissions
to Avoid
Medicare
Payment
Reductions?**



Is Your Hospital Prepared For the New Medicare Regulations?

Beginning in fiscal year 2013, if your hospital's readmission rates are above a certain threshold for certain conditions, your hospital will experience reduced Medicare payments for all Medicare discharges.

Conditions that will be reviewed are:

- Acute myocardial infarction
- Congestive heart failure
- Pneumonia

And this list of conditions is set to expand by fiscal year 2015.

How Can Partners in Healthcare Help Your Hospital Reduce Readmissions and Avoid Medicare Payment Reductions?

Staff Recognize and Report Key Health Indicators

Because of regular, often daily, interaction with patients, our specially trained staff are often the first to recognize potential issues such as changes in fluid intake or output, swollen ankles or labored breathing, and will take action quickly before it could lead to a hospital readmission.

Hospital to Home Smooth Transitions

Patients are at their most vulnerable when transitioning from hospital to home. **Partners in Healthcare** is with our patients every step of the way, providing transportation and support to ensure comfort and safety and build patient confidence in managing care at home.

Improved Care Plan Compliance

Through patient education and continuity of care, patients are more successful in following a prescribed plan of care.



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Disease Management Education

Partners in Healthcare has an extensive supply of disease-specific educational materials targeted to help patients and their families. Through education, our caregiving team encourages family involvement in care, helping them to better understand the condition and monitoring of the disease.

RN Assessment and Regular Care Plan Review

An initial RN assessment followed by a periodic review of the patient's health and functional status ensures quality care.

Care Coordination and Timely Reporting

Partners in Healthcare works seamlessly with all healthcare providers and family, providing ongoing, timely reporting regarding changes in health status.

Medication Management

Partners in Healthcare helps to ensure medication collaboration among healthcare providers and the patient. Staff ensure medication is taken as prescribed, can pick up refills and are trained to recognize and report adverse side effects that could lead to complications.

Provide Diet-Specific, Nourishing Meals

Healthy, nutritious and diet-specific meals play a large part in patient health. We plan and prepare meals as well as educate our clients on making healthy food choices.

24-Hour Response System

Research has reported that on-call coverage improves care and patient satisfaction. Our patients have the comfort of knowing someone will be reachable during an emergency or to handle their care questions.

CASE SCENARIO:

Mrs. J was released from the hospital after becoming stabilized following an acute CHF incident to return home with different timing on a prescribed diuretic. She was met at the hospital by a **Partners in Healthcare** caregiver prior to discharge, who reviewed the discharge plan, ordered and picked up prescriptions, and made certain that medications in the home were current. Food in the home was checked and groceries ordered. The **Partners in Healthcare** caregiver made certain that Mrs. J was relaxed and that the transition to home was as comfortable as possible.

Two weeks after discharge, the **Partners in Healthcare** caregiver noted a swelling in Mrs. J's legs and notified the nurse supervisor, suspecting possible problems with the diuretic medication changes. Mrs. J's physician was able to alter her medication before the problem became a major issue.

Partners in Healthcare continues to monitor Mrs. J's care, including her diet and activity levels, ensuring medications are taken as prescribed and that the physician's plan of care is being implemented. Additionally, **Partners in Healthcare** regularly reviews Mrs. J's care plan for progress towards goals and any care changes that should be recommended and brought to the physician's attention.

