

Hospital Discharge Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure your child's discharge plan from the hospital is complete. Note that some questions may not apply.

- Have you received written information about your child's current condition? Do you understand it?
- Have you been trained on how to care for your child's special needs? Do you know how to care for your child in the case of an emergency (such as CPR, first aid, and other emergency care)?
- Do you have prescriptions for all of your child's medications and services?
- Have you been told about public benefits and services, and how to get them?
- Have you had a discharge-planning meeting?
- Has a home health care agency been identified? Has nursing coverage been confirmed?
- Have you identified back-up caregivers (home health agency or others trained to care for your child)?
- Have you talked about making your home accessible for your child? What type of equipment will your child need?
- Have you been set up with a durable medical equipment (DME) provider? Has a delivery date been set?
- Has an Emergency Response Plan been developed? Have your child's community providers been contacted (including your child's primary care and specialty providers, local hospital, and ambulance provider)?
- Have public utilities (such as electricity, gas, water, etc) been contacted about your child's needs? Has your child been put on a priority list to restore utilities during emergencies?
- Have you discussed the importance of getting support for yourself (from family, friends, community, house of worship, etc.)?
- Do you have referrals to other programs and services, such as: DPH Care Coordination, Early Intervention, community agencies?
- Has your child's school been contacted?