



Hospital Planning Checklist

Be Prepared Before a Hospital Stay



Use this checklist to prepare for a planned hospital stay or to organize important information for an unexpected medical emergency.

Before Your Hospital Visit

- Bring your Medicare and insurance ID cards.
- Pack a current medication list, including dosages.
- Bring a list of allergies and medical conditions.
- Pack advance directives, if available.
- Arrange transportation and post-discharge assistance.
- Confirm your emergency contact information.

Questions to Ask Before Admission

- Is the hospital and my physician participating with Medicare?
- What tests or procedures are planned?
- Will I be admitted as an inpatient or under observation status?
- What follow-up care will I need after discharge?
- Will I need home health, rehabilitation, or skilled nursing care?

Before You Leave the Hospital

- Review your discharge instructions.
- Verify all prescriptions before leaving.
- Schedule follow-up appointments.
- Request copies of important medical records.
- Understand warning signs that require immediate medical attention.

Hospital Planning Notes

Hospital Name: _____

Primary Physician: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Questions / Notes:

Questions About Your Medicare Hospital Coverage?

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