

# LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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## PURPOSE

To inform each patient of his or her continuing health care requirements following discharge.

## POLICY

The Los Angeles General Medical Center shall provide a continuing care mechanism linking patients and/or families with appropriate social service, community resources, and other post discharge assistance.

The discharge planning process shall ensure that health care of each patient is extended without interruption and shall include the matching of patients with the appropriate service based upon the multidisciplinary assessment.

Patients who require diagnostic, therapeutic, palliative, observation, or assistive devices or who are mentally and/or physically disadvantaged are provided information and education for their continuing care.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Attending Staff

Residents

Allied Health Professionals

Nursing Staff

Clinical Social Services Staff

## PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

Attending Staff Manual

Nursing Policy Manual

Clinical Social Services Policy and Procedure Manual

## REFERENCES

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 71505 & 71707

Welfare and Institution Code 5325.1

DHS Policy #322, Patients' Bill of Rights

Joint Commission Standards (Ethics, Rights, & Responsibilities; Provision of Care, Treatment, & Services)

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