Statewide Guidance on Facility Discharge Planning and COVID-19 Vaccines

**Authority:** ORS 441.025

**Applicability:** This guidance applies statewide to:

- Hospitals, as defined in ORS 442.015
- Skilled nursing facilities, as defined in ORS 442.015

**Background**

Until COVID-19 vaccines are widely available in the community, it is important that hospitals and skilled nursing facilities administering initial doses of COVID-19 vaccines provide patients and residents with accurate and meaningful information that ensures they get their second doses of the vaccine. Ensuring that patients have information about follow-up care remains an essential part of discharge planning.

**Discharge Requirements**

**Hospitals and skilled nursing facilities are required to:**

- Provide the patient or resident who has received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with accurate and meaningful information that ensures the patient or resident can obtain their second dose of their COVID-19 vaccine. Information should include:
  - Which vaccine was given (vaccination card should be given to patient or resident)
  - When the second dose is due
  - Where to obtain the second dose of the same vaccine, including contact information for the vaccine site

**Hospitals and skilled nursing facilities are encouraged, but not required to:**

- Provide the second dose of the vaccine to the patient or resident.
Additional Resources for Hospitals

- **Hospitals - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services State Operations Manual Appendix A §482.43 Condition of Participation: Discharge Planning**
- **Psychiatric Hospitals - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services State Operations Manual Appendix AA §482.61 Condition of Participation: Special Medical Requirements for Psychiatric Hospitals**
- **Critical Access Hospitals - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services State Operations Manual Appendix W §485.642 Condition of Participation: Discharge Planning**
- **Oregon Administrative Rule 333-505-0055 Discharge Planning Requirements**
- **Oregon Administrative Rule 333-525-0000 Mental or Psychiatric Hospitals**

Additional Resources for Skilled Nursing Facilities

- **Skilled Nursing Facilities - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services State Operations Manual Appendix PP §483.21(c)(2) Discharge Summary**
- **OAR 411-086-0160 Nursing Services Discharge Summary**
- **Updated Provider Alerts**, a compilation of guidance issued to long term care facilities.
- **CMS Interim Final Rule on LTCF COVID reporting requirements.**

For questions about vaccination in Oregon email

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