

CPO- Hospital discharge Pathway

Aim

This pathway aims to reduce hospital re-admission rates, support re-engagement with primary care at transition and provide seamless service from secondary to primary care.

Coordinated Primary Options (CPO) funds **1** consultation with the GP/NP in general practice following discharge from the regional hospital.

Entry into Pathway

- Initiated by GP/NP
- DHB Clinician to the GP/NP
- Service must be delivered within **14 days** of discharge from hospital

Access:

Criteria to access the Hospital Discharge Pathway:

1. Hawkes Bay Resident
2. Maori or Pasifika or hold a current Community Service Card, Reside in Quintile 4 or 5 (DEP 7-10) **AND**
3. **The patient will have been an in-patient for 1 night or more AND**
4. The patient will have had an admission for one or more of the following:
 - Cardiac conditions – includes cardiac surgery, myocardial infarction, hypertension.
 - Heart Failure
 - Gastro-intestinal
 - Abdominal surgery
 - Respiratory- asthma, Pneumonia
 - COPD
 - Musculoskeletal
 - Neurological, CVA/TIA
 - Renal
 - Cellulitis & Infection
 - Diabetes
 - Breast Surgery

Exclusions

- Admissions following acute trauma or other ACC covered conditions
- Private hospital patients unless under HBDHB contract
- Maternity Care
- Mental Health

- Treatment at A&M or after hours centres
- Follow up from Outpatients

Process

- On the day of discharge from HBDHB, a discharge summary will be sent to the patients GP/NP. A copy will also be provided to the patient.
- On discharge, DHB staff can advise patients to consult their GP/NP for 1 free visit within 14 days of discharge, if they meet criteria
- If patient meet no obvious criteria and you are unsure of the Quintile, please advise patient that they **MAY** be entitled to a free visit
- On receiving the discharge letter, the GP/NP may also offer the patient a free consultation under the Hospital Discharge pathway if appropriate, within 14 days of discharge
- Patients to have medication review as part of this pathway
- There is no allowance for extended consultations, or post discharge home visits.

Benefits

- Easy transition of care from secondary to primary.
- Beneficial for continuity of care particularly those with long term conditions
- Ensure patient follow up by GP/NP as requested by secondary care.
- Clarifies any confusion with management
- Address's ongoing concerns for the patient
- Reduces the risk of medication errors for the patient.
- Enables early detection of a deterioration in patient condition where early intervention can often avoid re admission
- Removal of financial disincentive for patients to attend a planned GP check as requested by secondary services.

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