

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
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**RULE**

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**480-5-5-.24 DISCHARGE PLANNING PROCEDURES.**

(1) Discharge planning shall be the joint responsibility of the URE or employer/agent and the facility. The URE or the employer/agent shall work with the facility's discharge planning department to ensure continuity of care as directed by the physician from the facility to the alternative care setting.

(2) The facility shall identify to the URE or employer/agent patients who need discharge planning. The URE or employer/agent shall identify and assist the facility with information on statutory coverage and alternative providers, and monitor facilities to assure that appropriate discharge planning services are provided. The facility discharge planning department shall recommend to the URE or employer/agent medically necessary services and resources which will ensure continuity of care from the facility to the alternative care setting.

(3) The URE or employer/agent shall require appropriate facility documentation on cases processed.

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