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Section	5	<b>Discharge planning requirements (N.J.A.C. 10:127-10.5)</b>	

### §10:127-10.5 Discharge planning requirements

(a) For discharges that can be anticipated at least 30 calendar days ahead of time, the facility shall develop a plan with the Division's case manager or other placing agency at least 30 calendar days before the adolescent's or infant's discharge. The plan shall specify the following information:

1. The date of admission;
2. The anticipated date of discharge;
3. Details of the events and circumstances leading to the decision to discharge;
4. The name and address of the individual or agency to whom the adolescent or infant will be discharged and the rationale for planning a discharge to that individual or agency;
5. An assessment of the adolescent's continuing needs, including, but not limited to, consideration of health care, behavior management and educational or vocational training; and
6. An assessment of the infant's continuing needs, including, but not limited to, consideration of health and child care and referral to the Supplemental Feeding Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

(b) For discharges that were not anticipated at least 30 calendar days ahead of time, the facility shall send the Division's case manager or other placing agency a written plan at least 10 working days prior to the adolescent's or the infant's discharge. This plan shall specify the following information:

1. The date of admission;
2. Details of the events and circumstances leading to the discharge;
3. Efforts made to locate a runaway, if applicable;

4. An assessment of the adolescent's continuing needs, including but not limited to health care, behavior management and educational and vocational training;

5. An assessment of the infant's health and child care needs, if applicable; and

6. Recommendations for providing follow-up services in the adolescent's or infant's new environment, including consideration of whether the adolescent or infant would be eligible for WIC.

(c) For emergency discharges that result in the immediate placement of the adolescent or infant in a facility such as a detention center, hospital, psychiatric facility or any other placement outside the facility, the facility shall notify the Division's case manager or other placing agency by the next working day by