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Hospice News: Review Your Discharge Ins and Outs

Brush up on your discharge responsibilities with a new booklet from the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**.

For example: "You must obtain a written physician's discharge order from the Hospice medical director," CMS explains in the booklet. "If the patient has an attending physician involved in his or her care, this physician should be consulted before discharge. The attending physician's input and recommendations should be included in the discharge summary."

More about discharges is in the booklet

at www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/Discharge-Planning-Booklet-ICN908184.pdf