



## Medication Education Module 4

# Discharge Orders/Medication Reconciliation





# Objectives

**1. When do I use discharge orders?**

**2. What is medication reconciliation?**

**3. What is a transition of care?**

**4. What do I tell the PCP?**



# Discharge Orders

- **Discharge (new) orders from a Health Care Facility take the place of prior existing orders**



# Medication Reconciliation

- **Comparing an individual's new medication orders to all of the medication orders that were in place prior to the new orders**
  - **Must be done during every transition of care**



# Before Discharge

- **Obtain**
  - **PCP orders from individual's home before admission**
  - **HCP discharge (new) orders**



# Before Discharge

- **Compare the meds on the two sets of orders**
  - **New and Prior**
    - **Pay attention to possible dose and/or frequency changes for meds that appear on both sets of orders**



# Before Discharge

- **Review any discrepancies between the two sets of orders with the HCP**



# Before Discharge

- **Obtain signed, dated HCP orders**
  - **If more than 1 page, HCP must sign and date each page**
  - **Electronic signatures are acceptable**
    - **An electronic signature is an image of a HCP's signature**



# Before Discharge

- **Obtain new prescriptions or ensure the pharmacy has been notified by HCP of new medication prescriptions**



# After Discharge

- **Notify PCP and any other prescribing HCP that the individual had a transfer of care**



# After Discharge

- **Notify PCP and any other prescribing HCP of**
  - **New or changed medication/treatment orders**
  - **Previously ordered medications omitted from HCP discharge orders**
    - **Document**



# After Discharge

- **Obtain from PCP and any other prescribing HCP**
  - **Orders to resume any previously ordered medications [omitted from HCP discharge orders] that they want reordered**
    - **Orders must be re-written**



# After Discharge

- Obtain newly prescribed medications from pharmacy
- Transcribe
- Post and Verify all orders
- Communicate changes



# Questions

