Provider Checklist to Support Care Transitions

The purpose of this checklist is to give providers and clinicians a simple way to confirm that you have considered the key issues affecting patient success during care transitions, prior to discharging patients from the hospital to home or hospital to facility-based care.

#	Questions: When Patient is Going from the Hospital to a Facility	Check
1	Is discharge from the hospital premature?	
2	What are the patient's individuals needs and goals?	
3	Are facility staff ready to care for the patient? Has transportation been arranged and will it arrive in a timely manner?	
4	Do facility staff have complete clinical information on the patient? Do facility staff understand functional status and cognitive needs of the patient?	
5	Does your patient meet the qualifying hospital stay requirements for a facility?	
6	Have you spoken to admissions staff at the facility to ensure that the facility has received all necessary information and paperwork? Have you provided the information? Is a call warranted? Has a nurse-to-nurse report been completed?	
7	Will your patient need post-acute care upon discharge from the facility?	

