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Provisional Aftercare Plan

No later than seven (7) days prior to the child's projected discharge date, the treatment team must develop a provisional aftercare plan for the child. The plan's content will include, but not be limited to:

- the date of the child's admission to the PRTF and the planned discharge date;
- the name of the person/agency expected to assume care and custody of the child;
- the physical location/address where the child is expected to reside;
- a list of the child's psychiatric diagnoses;
- detailed information about the child's medications: the names, strengths and dosage instruction for all medications prescribed for the child, as well as any special instructions such as lab work requirements;
- information connecting the child with community resources, such as
 - where follow-up mental health services will be obtained,
 - where the child will attend school,
 - other recommended resources, e.g. recreational, rehabilitative, or other special programs believed to offer benefit to the child;
- recommendations regarding behavior management, mental health treatment and education to
 - the child's parent(s)/caregiver(s),
 - the mental health professionals who will provide follow-up treatment,
 - the child's school.

Final Aftercare Plan

At the time of the child's discharge from the facility, the provisional aftercare plan will be amended to include:

- the actual date of the child's discharge,
- any changes in information/instruction made to the provisional plan,
- further detailed information needed to connect the child and his/her caregivers to aftercare resources, including but not limited to the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the agencies/persons who will provide follow-up care, along with the date and time of initial aftercare appointments,
- the parent/guardian's signed acknowledgment that s/he was provided a copy of the child's aftercare plan.

Discharge

At the time of the child's discharge from the facility, the PRTF will provide his/her parent/guardian with

- a written copy of the child's final aftercare plan,
- ~~one week's supply of all medications prescribed for the child,~~
- a supply of all current medications prescribed for the child, equal to the amount already stocked for that child by the PRTF but not less than a seven (7) day supply or more than a thirty (30) day supply.
- prescriptions for a 30-day supply of all medications prescribed for the child.

The PRTF will seek the parent's/guardian's consent to release a copy of the child's aftercare plan to the person who initially referred the child to the facility. If the consent is obtained, a copy of the aftercare plan must be mailed to the referral source within one working day following the child's discharge.

The PRTF will seek the parent's/guardian's consent to release copies of the child's aftercare plan and discharge summary to the providers of follow-up mental health and educational services. If this consent is obtained, the aftercare plan must be mailed within one working day and the discharge summary within two weeks following the child's discharge.