## CLIENT DISCHARGE SUMMARY

A Discharge Summary is the synthesis of what has occurred during service provision. The Discharge Summary is an abbreviation of the demographics, issues identified, goals established, interventions made, empirical results reached, and any referrals or follow-ups made.

The Discharge Summary includes a summary of the client’s course and progress in treatment, the client’s status at the time of discharge, and any post-discharge plans made. The social worker would also state when an anticipated date of discharge to another are setting would occur, along with the plans made for that transfer, if appropriate. The Discharge Summary helps to ensure that the client’s care is coordinated and that the client’s termination is ethical and appropriate.

The Discharge Summary generally contains the following elements:

* + - 1. Date of Admission/Transfer
      2. Date of Discharge/Transfer
      3. Admitting Diagnosis/Assessment
      4. Discharge Diagnosis/Assessment
      5. Summary of Presenting Problem
      6. Course and Progress of Treatment
      7. Consultations, if any
      8. Disposition (where the client is discharged to (e.g., home, daughter’s house, halfway house, inpatient substance abuse center, etc.)
      9. Discharge Instructions
      10. Recommendations
      11. Follow-Up Information
      12. Signature/Licensure of the Social Worker

## DISCHARGE SUMMARY

## Format

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| **Date** |  |
| **Client’s Name** |  |
| **Case Number** |  |
| **Admission Date** |  |
| **Termination Date** |  |

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| **Admitting Initial Diagnosis/Assessment** |
| **Discharge Diagnosis/Assessment** |
| **Summary of Presenting Problem** |
| **Course and Progress of Treatment** |
| **Recommendations** |
| **Follow Up Information** |
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