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Rule 5180:2-5-17 Discharge summary.

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(A) What type of placements require a discharge summary?

A specialized foster home and a residential facility.

(B) When must a discharge summary be prepared for a child being discharged from a specialized foster home?

The discharge summary must be prepared no earlier than thirty days before and no later than thirty days after the date of discharge.

(C) Where should the discharge summary be maintained and who should receive a copy?

A copy must be maintained in the child's record. A copy must also be provided to the custodial agency that placed the child or, in direct placements, to the parent, guardian, or custodian no later than ten days after the discharge summary is completed.

(D) What minimum information must be included in the child's discharge summary?

The discharge summary must include:

(1) The reason for discharge.

(2) A summary of the child's adjustment and results of the placement.

(3) A brief summary of medical, dental, optical, and therapeutic services provided during the current placement period.

(4) A list of current prescription and nonprescription medications and any medication allergies.

(5) The name and official title or relationship of the person to whom the child was released.

(6) The new location of the child.

(7) Recommendations for ongoing treatment, including identification of service providers when possible.

(E) Is a discharge summary required when a child is placed in a respite care setting from a foster home?

A discharge summary is not required if the child is expected to return to the foster home after the period of respite care.

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(F) When is a discharge summary required for pre-planned or short-term recurring respite care placements?

In such cases, a discharge summary is required at six-month intervals or at the conclusion of the respite care, whichever comes first.

(G) What is the requirement for residential facilities regarding discharge summaries?

Residential facilities must enter a discharge summary into the residential treatment information system (RTIS) no later than ten days after the child's discharge.