

2.1 (4) providing counseling, as needed, for the patient and family members or interested
2.2 persons to prepare them for posthospital care. The hospital must provide: (i) a list of available
2.3 Medicare-eligible home care agencies or skilled nursing facilities that serve the patient's
2.4 geographic area, or other area requested by the patient if such care or placement is indicated
2.5 and appropriate; and (ii) information regarding the option of a family member to be
2.6 reimbursed for providing certain home care services under medical assistance. Once the
2.7 patient has designated their preferred providers, the hospital will assist the patient in securing
2.8 care covered by their health plan or within the care network. The hospital must not specify
2.9 or otherwise limit the qualified providers that are available to the patient. The hospital must
2.10 document in the patient's record that the list was presented to the patient or to the individual
2.11 acting on the patient's behalf.