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(a) As soon as practicable before discharge of a patient, a hospital shall attempt to:

(1) Consult with the patient's lay caregiver to prepare the lay caregiver for aftercare; and

(2) Issue a discharge plan that describes the aftercare needs of the patient.

(b) The inability of a hospital to consult with a patient's designated lay caregiver may not interfere with, delay, or otherwise affect the medical care provided to the patient or the patient's discharge.

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