

You Need Physician Follow-up Within 7 Days After Discharge

- Claims show 64 percent of patients have had no follow-up physician appointment prior to a 30-day readmission
- 2. Lack of understanding of medication changes while in the hospital
- 3. Provides a direct opportunity to identify who the patient is to call if health concerns arise post-discharge
- 4. Opportunity to identify further care needs in the home
- 5. Opportunity to address whether or not the patient would benefit from a Coach
- 6. Allows opportunity to reconcile any medication changes
- Studies correlate benefit of follow-up office appointment with reducing unnecessary hospitalizations
- 8. Provides an opportunity to address health goals with patient
- 9. Reinforce red flags with patients and when to make a physician contact
- 10. Provides an opportunity to review the patient's completed Personal Health Record

