**DISCHARGE PLANNING**

**Note:** Discharge planning can start as soon as intake or nearer to discharge.

**Start Discharge Planning**

**Does Jail Supply Discharge Packet?**
- **No** → **On Discharge Inmate Is Given No Discharge Packet**
- **Yes** → **Prepare Discharge Packet**

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**Discharge Packet Contains Bridge Medication?**
- **No** → **On Discharge Inmate Receives Discharge Packet w/ No Bridge Medication**
- **Yes** → **Notify Medical**

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**Medical Reviews Medical Record**

**Medical Prepares Bridge Medication**

**Include Bridge Medication w/ Discharge Packet**

**On Discharge Inmate Receives Discharge Packet With Bridge Medication**

**Note:** The inmate is required to sign for discharge packet.

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**Note:** Some jails provide a comprehensive package that might include primary care appointments, drug treatment, social services, entitlements, housing, job training, medication, and a transportation voucher. A few jails provide risk-reduction counseling or pamphlets to reduce the risk of drug overdose following release from custody. Information on clean needle exchange programs and the use of naloxone (to treat drug over-dose) may be included.

**Note:** The majority of jails supply some type of bridge medication -- from 3 to 30 day supply.

**Note:** A jail may have a policy that requires release with medication, but an inmate can be released from court or be bailed out before medical is notified. If this is the case, the inmate would not receive medication at release. However, in some jails, inmates are informed that they can return to the facility to receive their discharge packet with the bridge medication.

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