CONTINUITY OF CARE RECORD HOD P06-08-12-10

Whereas, A Continuity of Care Record (CCR) contains relevant information for authorized professionals, and is prepared when a patient/client: is discharged from a hospital; is referred by a primary care provider to any specialist; or is transferred from one provider to another 1;

Whereas, A CCR may include clinical, demographic, medication, procedure, treatment, health/well-being, and background information 2;

Whereas, The goal for a CCR is to enable a provider to easily access the information from a previous encounter and to update the information when the patient/client goes to another provider in order to support the safety, quality and continuity of care;

Whereas, The CCR may be carried by the patient/client, sent by the referring provider, or accessed by the subsequent provider;

Whereas, The CCR may be in any Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act compliant format;

Whereas, The CCR improves intraprofessional and interprofessional communication for continuity of patient/client care through all episodes and all settings of care; and

Whereas, Physical therapy is an integral part of health care delivery;

Resolved, That the American Physical Therapy Association supports the inclusion of elements of physical therapist patient/client management as a component of Continuity of Care Records.

Resolved, That the American Physical Therapy Association advocates for inclusion of elements of physical therapist patient/client management to key groups including: organizations that are creating CCR specifications and implementation guides; and standards development organizations that are creating terminology codes to be used in the CCR.


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