



COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING

Mangum Regional Medical Center

TITLE		POLICY	
Criteria for Discharge from Therapy		508	
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE	
Rehabilitation			
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE		
Rehabilitation Services			

SCOPE: All PT/OT/ST staff providing therapy services at Mangum Regional Medical Center.

PURPOSE: To delineate authority and outline the process of discontinuation of an adult patient’s treatment.

POLICY: A patient will be discharged from therapy service(s) under the following criteria:

1. The patient has met all therapy goals and is ready to be discharged from therapy:
2. The patient has met modified goals that would allow discharge to the next level of care or with the appropriate support:
3. The patient has reached maximum potential as evidenced by either failure to progress and/or not demonstrating functional, measurable changes for a period not to exceed two weeks, unless new treatment approaches are being trialed or other documented reasons for continuing are present:
4. The patient is transferred out and admitted to the hospital for 24 hours or more:
5. The patient leaves against medical advice:
6. The patient indicates refusal to participate:
7. Upon completion of their prescribed allotment of treatments if no further treatment is warranted:
8. Outpatients will be discharged after a two-week unnotified absence from therapy. Referring physician will be notified. Patient will need to contact department to reschedule appointment and require new physician order for services.

PROCEDURE:

1. Patients may be discontinued upon missing/refusing their third consecutive scheduled treatment
 - a. Interdisciplinary care team will be consulted to assist in encouraging patient’s participation in POC prior to discharging from therapy

- b. Patients cancelling due to other medical appointments or in the case of conflicting schedules with other services shall be excused.
 - c. Cancellations due to illness will be excused.
 - d. Referring physician will be notified.
2. Discharge/discontinued order shall be obtained from referring physician unless:
 - a. Patient leaves the facility
 - b. Plan of Care has been met.
 3. A discharge summary shall be written on all discontinued/discharged patients.
 - 3.1 The original summary should be filed in the medical record.

REVISIONS/UPDATES

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change