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Post Acute Transfer Position Paper

ABSTRACT: Complex issues affect post acute transfer.

Rutgers University Center for State Health Policy has published an issue brief entitled “*Controls on the Premature Discharge by Hospitals to Post-Acute Providers.*” The average length of stay in hospitals has gone from 9 days in 1990 to 5.6 days in 2006. The issue brief discusses factors that mitigate the incentives to transfer patients to post-acute settings. Reimbursement policies (Medicare), physician concerns over litigation, regulatory oversight, and perspective payment system (PPS) issues all play a large role in determining when an individual is transferred from the hospital to a post-acute setting. The issue brief is available at <http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/doc/2250>.

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