

To Families and Care Providers:

In order to ensure that the best care is offered to all participants, The Harford Center will require and enforce its policy upon discharge from the Hospital (medical or psychiatric) or Urgent Care, as follows:

- A copy of the discharge paperwork stating treatment, diagnosis, and recommendations from the discharge physician. If follow-up appointments are required, please include this information. In addition the paperwork should include a **return to work note that states the person can now return back to the day program.** The Harford Center requires **24 hours** after receiving the discharge paperwork to review all information to make an informed decision. We will assess any new or changed medication, PMOF, restrictions or any other supports the person may need on-site before the individual can **physically return.**

Additionally, when an individual is sent home from the Harford Center Day Program for any other illnesses, to the individual will not be permitted to return until he/she is symptom-free for 24 hours. Please understand that the day after a person is sent home, he/she cannot return. The intention of this is to prevent further spread of illness and to give your loved one a chance to recover and rest. . Families/Care Givers should supply us with a Doctor's return to the program note along with the medical paperwork that indicates that the individual is **symptom free for 24 hours** before individual can **physically return (when applicable).**

Please note that in some cases the program may ask for an interim meeting to discuss care planning.

Program Director

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