The transition from inpatient to outpatient behavioral health care is a critical time for patients with a history of suicide risk and for the health care systems and providers who serve them. As a health care organization, looking at your policies, procedures, and practices related to care transitions is the first step to improving care transitions for those at risk for suicide who have received care with your organization. Please use this action plan, derived from *Best Practices in Care Transitions for Individuals with Suicide Risk: Inpatient Care to Outpatient Care* to guide your work.

ACTION PLAN	(INPATIENT):
	SAMPLE
Recommendation	Begin discharge planning upon admission.
Action(s)	While taking initial history also request information about who will be supportive after discharge. Write an initial discharge development plan.
Position(s)/ Person(s) Responsible	Clinicians, case management, nursing team
Resources needed	Stakeholders from leadership, electronic medical records team, provider team, and nursing team
Potential Challenges	Workflow changes, staff training, and compliance
Deadline	April 1, 2021
Result	Policy completed, workflow is written, staff are trained, and the first month compliance check is completed.

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