


**Caring For Homeless Patients After Discharge Really Does “Take a Village”**

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**The Collaborative “Village”**



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**Recuperative Care Program**

- Basic medical oversight
- Clean and safe environment
- Transportation to appointments
- Linkage to supportive services and housing
- Counseling
- Assistance with applications to government programs

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**Recuperative Care Program**

**Admission Criteria**

- Homeless and have an acute medical condition with an identifiable end point of care.
- Independent in mobility (walker, wheelchair may be accepted).
- Independent in Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and self-administer medication.
- Continent of both bladder and bowel.
- Medically and psychiatrically stable at discharge.

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**Referral Process**

1. Patients -identified by Care Management Dept
2. Preliminary Referral Form faxed to National Health Foundation
3. Patient's information is reviewed by the Illumination Foundation Recuperative Care Program
4. "Accepted" - detailed discharge instructions are faxed to National Health Foundation

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**From Referral to Discharge**

- Patient must be given medications in supply to match # of days at recuperative care center
- Hospital provides patient transportation to recuperative care site.
- Hospital coordinates Home Health Services, when applicable for patient during recuperative care.
- Admission Hours are 9:00am-6:00pm, Monday – Friday.

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**St Jude Medical Center Referrals**

32 patients sent to Recuperative Care Program in the past 12 months

100% - provided charity medications  
100% - provided transportation to program site  
78% (n=25) - provided home health services

12 days - Average Length of Stay

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**Recuperative Care Program Interventions/Outcomes**

**Housing**

- 18.7% (n=6) - sober living
- 18.7% (n=6) - transitional housing
- 15.6% (n=5) - friend/family's home
- 12.5% (n=4) - motel room
- 12.5% (n=4) - shared housing
- 9.3% (n=3) - returned to St Jude in-patient
- 6.2% (n=2) - other hospital in-patient
- 6.2% (n=2) - street/unknown

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**Recuperative Care Program Interventions/Outcomes**

**Medical Insurance**

- 87.5% (n=28) – had insurance
  - MSI, Medical, Medicare
- 12.5% (n=4) – applied for insurance

**Medical Follow-up Appointments**

- 87.5% (n=28) – went to PCP appointments
- 31.2% (n=10) – went to specialist appointments

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**Recuperative Care Program Interventions/Outcomes**

**CA Identification**

- 37.5% (n=12) – obtained ID

**Social Security Application (SSI/SSDI)**

- 43.7% (n=14) – completed application process

**Food Stamps**

- 34.3% (n=11) – obtained the benefit

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**Recuperative Care Program Interventions/Outcomes**

**Legal Aid Services**

- 9.3% (n=3) – referred and met with legal agency

**Homeless Court**

- 12.5% (n=4) – charges dismissed

**Drug Court**

- 9.3% (n=3) – able to obtain legal agreement for drug program completion dates

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**Recuperative Care Program Interventions/Outcomes**

**Employment**

- 12.5% (n=4) – obtained or linked to services
- 9.3% (n=3) – linked to working wardrobes

**Utility Bill Assistance**

- 6.2% (n=2) – negotiated settlement services

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**Recuperative Care Program Interventions/Outcomes**

**Mental Health**

- 15.6% (n=5) – linked to OCMH
- 9.3% (n=3) – attending support groups
- 9.3% (n=3) – linked to therapist

**Family Reunification**

- 21.8% (n=7) – reconnected with family and/or friends

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**St Jude Medical Center Outcomes**

**Post Recuperative Care Program**

- 18.7% (n=6) – patients returned to ER
- 12.5% (n=4) – patient returned and admitted

Average cost per day med-surge unit \$2500  
Average LOS at Recuperative Care 12 days

- Estimated cost savings of \$30,000

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**St Jude Medical Center Outcomes**

What cannot be quantified?

Where are these patients now?

Next steps for St Jude Medical Center.....

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