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Q: Our social service consultant gave us a list of survey trends and one of them they mentioned was F284 regarding not having a care plan for involuntary discharge. Do you know if we have to have a general care plan regarding this for all residents or just for a resident if we had to do an involuntary discharge?

A: The intent of 483.21(c) is to ensure that the facility has a discharge planning process in place that addresses each resident’s discharge goals and needs, including caregiver support and referrals to local contact agencies, as appropriate, and involves the resident, resident representative and the IDT team in developing the discharge plan. This must be done for each resident regardless of whether or not they will ever be discharged. The discharge plan is part of the comprehensive care plan. See the new F660 for more information and guidance with regard to discharge planning.