

## **IMPORTANT PLANNING INFORMATION FOR POST HOSPITAL CARE**

**We will assist you to make plans for your care after hospital discharge.**

**The decision to go home or to a subacute rehabilitation facility will be made collectively by you, your surgeon, physical and occupational therapist, case manager and your insurance company.**

**Please remember that subacute stays must be approved by your insurance company prior to payment. A patient's stay in a subacute rehabilitation facility must be done in accordance with the guidelines established by Medicare or other insurers. Although you may desire to go to subacute rehabilitation when you are discharged, your medical progress will be monitored by your insurance company while you are in the hospital. Upon evaluation of your progress, you will either meet the criteria to benefit from subacute rehabilitation or your insurance company may recommend that you return home with other care arrangements. It is important for you to make plans preoperatively for care at home.**

**In the event subacute rehabilitation is NOT approved by your insurance company, you can pay privately. Please keep in mind that the majority of our patients do so well that they do not meet the guidelines to qualify for subacute rehabilitation. Also keep in mind that insurance companies do not become involved in social issues, such as lack of caregiver, animals, etc. These are issues you will have to address before admission.**

**We hope this information is of benefit to you as you plan for your post-operative care. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.**

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