Be an Ace About Follow-up Appointment Prior to Discharge
(DSDF.6 EP.1.a)

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“Prior to discharge, a follow-up diabetes management appointment is made for the patient.”
What follow-up appointment will meet this standard?

- Appointment with endocrinologist/ PCP/ Health Care Provider managing diabetes

- Appointment at a diabetes education class **as long as**:
  - Diabetes management at home is reviewed at the time of the class
  - Diabetes management changes can be made while at the class including medication changes from the Health Care Provider
What follow-up appointment will meet this standard?

- Appointment with a Home Health Nurse, as long as the order for the home health nurse visit includes assessment of the diabetes management practices at home and changes can be made during the visit.

- Discharged to a Skilled Nursing Facility or Rehabilitation unit / hospital
  - These two settings are considered responsible for the diabetes management
When does the appointment need to occur post discharge?

Based on the determination by the Health Care Team in the acute care setting as to how soon the patient needs follow-up for Diabetes management activities.
Very Special Circumstances

Discharge planning begins on admission

- Discharged during the weekend or holiday
- Patient does not have medical insurance
- Patient is homeless

There has to be a process in place to handle these circumstances.
Questions?

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