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To whom it may concern,

Transitional Care Management (TCM) offers a new path to wellness for patients who are bridging the distance between hospital and home. TCM proposes a highly innovative model that offers specialized care, proven critical pathways for common DRGs, evidence-based design and enhanced outcomes.

A Specialized Focus

Unlike more traditional subacute settings that also serve a long-term care population, transitional care focuses exclusively on restoring function lost through injury, surgery or disease. With transitional care the exclusive goal is to help patients reduce pain, hasten recovery and increase performance by working with physicians' treatment plans and ancillary experts in a care setting that dedicated to serving a short-term patient population.

Redefining the Healthcare Continuum

Increasingly reimbursement protocols dictate that hospitals manage patients' length of stay. As such, some patients leave the hospital setting "sicker and quicker" these days. Hospitals need a subacute partner with whom they and their physicians can develop critical care pathways and programs to help ensure patients' full recovery post-hospitalization. In addition to reducing hospital length of stay, effective transitional care can also play an important role in reducing hospital re-admissions, thereby further lowering costs and improving outcomes.

Evidenced-based Design

Evidence shows that environment also plays a significant role in enhancing patient outcomes. Healing design, like that hotel/spa-like environment that TCM proposes, can help improve a patient's outlook, increase satisfaction and ultimately support a client's journey toward recovery.

By offering this new alternative, TCM is redefining the healthcare continuum and offering cost effective, specialized care that leads to improved outcomes in a manner that is more appealing to today's consumer. This is a trend that is happening across the country and one whose time has come here in Illinois. That's why I support Transitional Care of Arlington Heights.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Goldberg
President and Chief Executive Officer