Bree Difficult to Discharge
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Brainstorming Solutions and Resources
• What are the main concerns for the difficulty to discharge patients in Washington State?
Potential Solutions

• What actions or programs can improve discharge practices in Washington?
• What are some barriers to implementing these solutions?
Existing Discharge Resources and Information

- WA Health Care Authority: Discharge Planner Toolkit
- Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
- WSHA Discharge Collaborative
- House Health Care and Wellness Committee Presentation

Current Legislation
- **In effect – RCW 70.41.322**: Long-term care – patient discharge requirements for hospitals and acute care facilities
- **In committee -SB 5103**: Concerning payment to acute care hospitals for difficult to discharge Medicaid patients
Opportunities for Impact

- Aligning definitions around discharge and assigning responsibilities.
- Use data to identify barriers to discharge and priority populations.
- Standardizing discharge planning protocols and practices.
- Identifying practices and partnerships to increase access to appropriate post-acute care facilities.
- Form recommendations for further collaboration and investigation on difficult to discharge patients.