

HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Administrative Policy and Procedure

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TITLE: PATIENT PASSES

PURPOSE:

To define the use of patient passes.

POLICY:

Patients cannot be given a pass to leave the hospital. If they are well enough to leave, then they should be discharged. If a patient insists on leaving for any reason he/she will have to sign themselves out against medical advice.

If the patient is to receive a service that Hackettstown Regional Medical Center cannot provide, then the patient will be transported by pre-arrangements to that facility and be brought back. This is not considered a leave of absence.