

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
PASTORAL CARE POLICY MANUAL  
PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING OF DISCHARGED PATIENTS**

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**Purpose:** To provide patients and their families with short-term continuity of care after discharge, or after death of a family member.

**Policy:** The staff of Pastoral Care Services will be available, as needs require and time permits, to minister to discharged patients and/or their families.

**Procedure:** After contact is made, either an office appointment or home visit may be arranged.