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Expanded training requirements for care transition teams;

Key challenges of care transition management;

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Sector-specific feedback on care transition efforts by hospitals and health plans;

Top tasks that take place during home visits, as well as the key conductors, frequency, duration and impact of home visits;

Targeted populations and risk factors to identify participants for care transition management programs;

Curators of care transitions and required training for the care transition team;

Top measurements to gauge program success;

ROI generated by these programs;

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