



## **Preparing for Discharge**

- Please make sure all of the equipment is plugged in the night or day before your child is set to discharge. This will make the day of discharge go smoothly. The equipment that needs to be plugged in includes the apnea monitor, suction unit, vent and 12-volt battery. If you know that you will not be here the night before discharge, please call the unit so that arrangements can be made to have the equipment plugged in for you.
- Please arrive at or before 9 am on the day of discharge. An additional person must be present in order to go home and for any future car rides. This person does not have to be a trained caregiver, but they must be the driver.
- All medicines will need to be picked up prior to the day of discharge or first thing in the morning on the day of discharge.
- When you arrive at home, the home nursing agency and the equipment company will be present to ensure you have everything you need. Due to the various services involved in a safe discharge, first time discharges will only occur Monday-Thursday.
- A child's family must keep all follow-up appointments. You will need to schedule a primary care doctor's appointment for one to two weeks after discharge.
- Please take your belongings in your child's room and/or the Ronald McDonald House room prior to the day of discharge. You must leave all transport equipment.