

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO SWINGBED PATIENTS AT WCMH

OUR SKILLED CARE IS A COMBINATION OF 24-HOUR NURSING SERVICES, REHABILITATION THERAPIES AND EDUCATION, INCLUDING:

Physical, Occupational, & Speech Therapy
Twice Daily

Patient & Family Education for Conditions such as Diabetes or Colostomy Care

Acute & Chronic Disease Management

Daily Injections

Cardiac Monitoring

IV Medications

Wound Care

Feeding Tube Adjustments

Respiratory Treatment Requiring Adjustments

Nutritional Counseling

WHAT DOES INSURANCE COVER?

Medicare and some commercial insurance plans pay for skilled care (often called swing bed care or skilled nursing facility) differently than they do hospital care.

Medicare and some commercial insurance plans will cover the first 20 days of skilled care at 100% as long as there is a skilled service needed, provided and you are participating.

Medicare and some commercial insurance plans require a co-pay for days 21 through discharge (or day 100, whichever comes first), as long as you continue to require a skilled service. If you have supplemental insurance, it may cover your co-pay.

Also, Medicare and some commercial insurance plans DO NOT pay for custodial care. Custodial care is general nursing care provided when a patient's condition is not expected to improve.

If you are unclear about the type of care you are eligible for under Medicare, it is important to ask your care manager for assistance. For under Medicare, it is important to ask your care manager for assistance.



WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

SWINGBED:

A BRIDGE TO HOME



TO BE HEALTHY IS TO BE HEARD...
WE ARE LISTENING.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR SKILLED CARE?

Speak with your physician or case manager who will refer you to our program. Once a referral is made, a WCMH representative will review your records to ensure you will benefit from skilled care services.

In addition to your physician's referral, you might need to be in the hospital for at least three nights before transfer to skilled care. Please contact your local Swingbed Coordinator for additional qualifications as they may differ based on your insurance provider.

HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

You can receive skilled care as long as you have therapy and rehabilitation goals to meet. Once you have reached your goals, or plateaued, you may be able to return home. In some cases, we may also need to explore additional care options after discharge. Discharge assistance and social workers are available to assist you with transitioning care.

WCMH CAN BE A BRIDGE TO HOME

You are ready to be released from the hospital, but you may need a little more time and specialized care to fully recover. This is often the case if you've had a joint replacement, stroke, head injury, or other surgery. Or, you may need treatment to manage pain or extra care to help a wound heal. In these situations, Washington County Memorial Hospital provides skilled care to help you regain strength and independence. Skilled care allows patients who have been treated in a hospital to remain close to home for follow-up care. In hospital settings, skilled care is often called a "swing bed."

HOW IS SKILLED CARE DIFFERENT FROM A TYPICAL HOSPITAL STAY?

With skilled care, we'll help you recuperate and regain your maximum level of independence in a comfortable environment. During the day, you will receive therapy and treatment based on your condition and recovery goals. Similar to the hospital, you'll receive around-the-clock nursing care which is overseen by the WCMH Hospitalist. When you are not in therapy you can spend time visiting with family and friends or just relaxing.

CONTACT US

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SWINGBED SERVICES, PLEASE CALL WASHINGTON COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT 573-438-5451 EXT.1806 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.WCMHOSP.ORG