

SWING BED

SUMMARY OF CARE

What is swing bed?

Swing bed is a short-stay, hospital-based program for patients who no longer need inpatient care but still require rehabilitation or skilled nursing care before returning home. This added care helps patients reach their highest potential for independence by providing the continued help they need to return home safely.

SERVICES ARE CUSTOMIZED TO EACH PATIENT'S NEEDS AND MAY INCLUDE:

- Nursing: provides recovery care, IV services, pain management and education.
- Physical therapy: provides injury rehabilitation and helps patients build strength to prevent falls and gain movement, balance and flexibility to resume activities like walking or exercising.
- Occupational therapy: focuses on daily living skills that may include dressing and bathing.
- Respiratory therapy: helps with respiratory needs and provides education about oxygen use.
- Nutrition services: offers nutritional education and support.
- Speech therapy: helps with communication skills, reading and safe swallowing.
- Social work: helps patients, and their families, find additional services and resources for further health education. Can also coordinate advance healthcare directives for patients.
- Pharmacy: works with medical team to meet medication needs.

LENGTH OF SWING BED STAY

If a patient has Medicare, the benefit covers services up to 20 days in full and up to 80 additional days with a co-payment, as long as Medicare criteria are met. Medicare supplements usually pay the deductible when Medicare continues coverage. Private health insurances may also cover swing bed care pending pre-approval. Physicians monitor each patient's progress to determine how long care is needed.

Returning home

<Name of organization> will assist with the following:

- Work with you to plan for leaving the hospital.
- Arrange for home-based services, if needed.
- Arrange for alternate living arrangements.
- Coordinate other community services and family help.
- Coordinate the purchase of home medical equipment and supplies (walker, wheelchair, commode, shower bench, etc.).



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