

Skilled Nursing Facility



Applies to:

☒ **Essential, Enhanced & Entrust PPO**

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A skilled nursing facility provides skilled care such as nursing or rehabilitation services to individuals who can no longer care for themselves following an injury or illness. It can be a separate facility, or part of a hospital, or other health care facility.

Original Medicare

Original Medicare benefits cover extended care services that are provided in a Medicare certified skilled nursing facility. There is a limit of 100 days for each benefit period. The benefit period is renewed when the beneficiary has not been in a skilled nursing facility for 60 days. There is no limit to the number of benefit periods a beneficiary can have.

The beneficiary must meet the following requirements to be eligible for coverage:

- The beneficiary must be an inpatient of a hospital for a medically necessary stay for at least three consecutive calendar days prior to discharge.
- The beneficiary must be transferred to the skilled nursing facility within 30 days after discharge from the hospital.
- In certain circumstances, the 30-day period may be extended if, at the time of hospital discharge, it is predictable that extended care services will be required after hospital care.

WyoBlue Advantage PPO Enhanced Benefit

WyoBlue Advantage plans are Medicare Advantage plans that provide at least the same level of benefit coverage as Original Medicare (Part A and Part B) and may provide enhanced benefits beyond the scope of Original Medicare within a single health care plan. This flexibility allows WyoBlue Advantage to offer enriched plans by using Original Medicare as the base program and adding desired benefit options.

Coverage for services provided in a Medicare certified skilled nursing facility is provided to members under all individual WyoBlue Advantage Medicare Advantage plans. The three-day hospital stay requirement under Original Medicare is waived for all WyoBlue Advantage members. WyoBlue Advantage determines the member's cost sharing for individual coverage.

Conditions for Payment

The following table specifies payment conditions for skilled nursing facility coverage.

Conditions for payment	
Eligible provider	Consistent with Original Medicare
Payable location	Consistent with Original Medicare
Frequency	Medically necessary stay of at least three consecutive calendar days in an inpatient hospital is not required. 100 days per benefit period
CPT/HCPCS codes	Consistent with Original Medicare
Diagnosis restrictions	
Age restrictions	

Reimbursement

WyoBlue Advantage's maximum payment amount for skilled nursing facility benefit is consistent with Original Medicare. Reimbursement is made at the skilled nursing facility prospective payment system rate, minus the member's cost share for Part A inpatient services. This represents payment in full and providers are not allowed to balance bill the member for the difference between the allowed amount and the charged amount.

Member Cost Sharing

- Please reference the Evidence of Coverage or Medical Benefits Chart for specific cost-share amounts.
- WyoBlue Advantage providers should collect the applicable cost sharing from the member at the time of the service when possible. Cost sharing refers to a flat-dollar copayment, a percentage coinsurance, or a deductible. Providers can only collect the appropriate WyoBlue Advantage cost sharing amount from the member.
- If the member elects to receive a non-covered service, he or she is responsible for the entire charge associated with the non-covered service.
- To verify member eligibility, benefits, and cost share, go to the WyoBlue Advantage secure website at www.WyoBlueAdvantage.com or call **1-844-682-9966**.

Billing Instructions for Providers

- Bill services on the CMS-1450 (UB-04) or 837 equivalent claim form.
- Use the WyoBlue Advantage MA PPO unique billing requirements.
- Report CPT/HCPCS codes and diagnosis codes to the highest level of specificity.
- Report your National Provider Identifier number on all claims.
- Use electronic billing.
- Submit claims to:

WyoBlue Advantage
Provider Correspondence
P.O. Box 21451
Eagan, MN 55121

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