



Quality Healthcare Close to Home...

What is a Skilled Swingbed Program?

“Swing bed” is a concept developed by Medicare in the 1970’s to help with underutilized hospital beds and the lack of nursing home beds in rural areas. These two issues have resolved themselves over time, partly due to the conversion of most rural hospitals to Critical Access Hospitals like Drumright Regional Hospital.

A swing bed doesn’t swing physically, but it swings in the way Medicare reimburses for the care provided to the patient. A patient being treated for an acute condition can remain in the hospital for follow-up care rather than be discharged to home when they are not quite ready or discharged to the nursing home when they really only need care for a few more days or weeks. The patient stays in the same bed, receives the same care, but the services are billed differently. Or the patient may have been hospitalized in facility away from home and be transferred back to their local hospital for their swing bed stay.



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