

What Type of Health Care Will I Experience?

The Very Best. Your physician along with the Swingbed Coordinator will work with the nursing staff to establish your plan of care while you are with us.

The nursing staff will notify the physician of any changes or other health care needs as they arise. Your plan of care will be monitored by the Coordination Team.

Who to Contact

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"There is simply no better care in the Region than what the Nurses and Doctors provide at my local hospital. I'll go nowhere else..."

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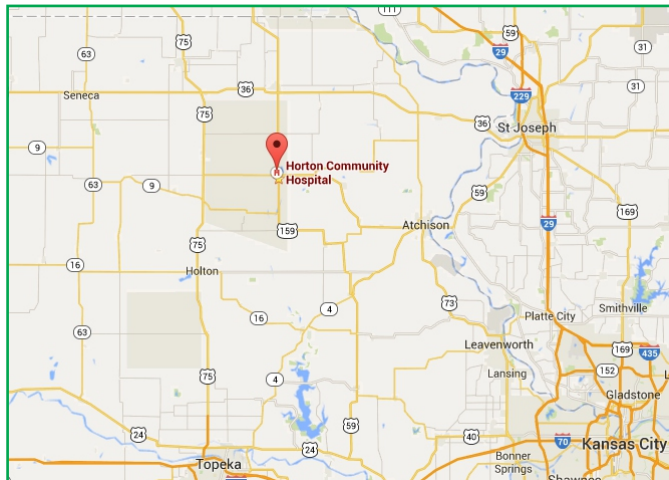


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Horton Community Hospital Swingbed Program

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What is a Skilled Swing Bed 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 Horton Community 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.

How Do I Qualify for Swing Bed Under The Medicare Program?

A consecutive, 3-day, acute level hospital stay within thirty days of admission to swingbed.

The patient must need some form of skilled nursing or skilled rehabilitation service which can only be provided in a skilled nursing facility.

Examples of skilled care include:

- IV therapy
- Sterile dressing changes
- Skin/wound care
- Rehabilitation therapy: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and respiratory therapy.

The goal is to help the patient return to their home independently or with the help of accessible community resources.

How Do I Get Into the Swing Bed Program?

Once your physician determines that skilled care is needed, a referral will be made to the swingbed coordination team at Horton Community Hospital.

The swingbed coordination team will then arrange with your Physician for admission into our swingbed program.

Skilled swing bed care at Horton Community Hospital is a bridge between acute care and home.

How Do I Pay for Swing Bed Care?

Medicare will cover skilled swing bed if:

1. You have Medicare Part A and have days left in your benefit period available to use.
2. You have a qualifying hospital stay (3-day, consecutive, acute care stay).
3. Your doctor has determined that you need daily skilled care. Care must be given by, or under the direct supervision of, skilled nursing or rehabilitation staff.

Medicare coverage is limited to 100 days of skilled swing bed care per illness. If you meet skilled criteria, Medicare will cover 100% of the first 20 days . Day 21 thru 100 is 100% minus a daily rate that may be covered by a secondary insurance. You may be discharged before 20 days if skilled criteria ends.

What Do I Do When My Skilled Care Needs End?

When a patient reaches the point in recovery where acute care hospitalization is no longer necessary, but they are not physically able to go home, Swing Bed is a positive intermediary step. When your skilled care needs ends, Medicare coverage ends for the hospital stay. We will help assist you in your transition from skilled care to home.

Because your needs during recovery are unique, your treatment plan will be tailored to your personal situation. The swingbed coordinator at Horton Community Hospital will work with you and your family to make all of the necessary arrangements.

