

Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP)

SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver Program

Program

The SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver allows for eligible Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) beneficiaries to be admitted to a skilled nursing facility (SNF) for extended-care skilled nursing or skilled rehabilitative services without the need for a 3-day inpatient hospital stay preceding the admission.

Waiver Highlights

- Does not change or expand Medicare SNF benefits for beneficiaries
- Does not change freedom of choice rights for beneficiary
- Patients cannot be held financially liable for claims rejected by CMS for lack of a qualifying 3-day hospital stay
- 90-day grace period permits payment for SNF services provided without a qualifying 3-day inpatient hospital stay to certain beneficiaries who were initially included on the ACO's prospective assignment list but who were subsequently excluded from a quarterly exclusion report during the performance year if such services would otherwise be covered under the SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver.

Patient Eligibility Criteria

- Must be an assigned beneficiary of the ACO under the MSSP program
- Cannot be a resident of a SNF or other long-term care setting (assisted living is not considered a long-term care setting for the waiver)
- Must be medically stable
- Cannot require inpatient or further inpatient hospital evaluation or treatment
- Must have certain and confirmed diagnoses
- Have an identified skilled nursing or rehabilitation need that cannot be delivered in an outpatient setting
- Have been evaluated and approved for SNF admission within 3 days prior to the SNF admission by an ACO provider

Preliminary Identification of MSSP Beneficiaries:

- Epic Providers– Population Health Icon in Epic storyboard



- Non-Epic ACO Providers– Traditional Medicare A&B patients attributed to MSSP

ALL PROVIDERS

Consult with Inpatient Case Management or your Ambulatory Care Manager to initiate the 3 day waiver workflows

ACO PHYSICIANS

Approve and document MSSP beneficiary admission to SNF within 3 days prior to SNF admission.

CARE MANAGERS

Review chart and initiate referral and verification process via email:

BSMH-postacuteservices@BSMHealth.org

*BSMH PAC Services team will request *SECURE* PHI transmission for referrals emailed by Providers without Epic or EMR connection to Care Everywhere

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Referrals and questions to:

BSMH-postacuteservices@BSMHealth.org

SNF 3-Day Waiver Toolkit

- CMS Optional SNF 3DW Notice
- 3 Day Waiver SNF Affiliate Lists
- SNF 3-Day Waiver One-Pager

Mercy Health Select ACO Toolkit:

<https://www.mercy.com/MHS-ACO-mssp-3DW-toolkit>

Hampton Roads Good Help ACO Toolkit:

<https://www.bonsecours.com/HRGH-ACO-mssp-3DW-toolkit>