

PAYMENT

Medicare/Medicaid and private insurances pay for skilled swing-bed services. To qualify for Medicare/Medicaid admission to a swing-bed the admission must be preceded by an acute hospital stay of at least three days. Any patient covered by government programs, Title XVIII, Title XIX, etc. will be billed for the balance after the coverage is determined or payment received.

For insurance patients, authorization for a skilled swing-bed must be obtained prior to admission. After admission, the case manager will be in communication with the insurance company regarding the length of stay.

For private pay patients, the patient or patient's representative agrees to pay a deposit during the hospital stay and the full charges following discharge from the swing-bed program. They will be notified of the daily charges prior to admission.

Swing Bed Stays are not eligible for Charity Care

If You Have Questions ...

Please call:

Marsha Labbe, RN, Swing Bed Unit Manager at 207-834-1685

What our patients are saying:

"It was nice to be able to stay right here to get my care instead of having to move to another facility before eventually going home."



NMMC SWING-BED PROGRAM

Program Goal

The goal of the swing bed program is to return the patient to a permanent living situation as soon as possible. Although the patient under the swing bed program is in the hospital, the emphasis is on returning the patient to their home or other living situation.

Program Objectives

- 1. To assure appropriate daily skilled nursing services or daily skilled rehabilitation services in an individualized manner to eligible patients.*
- 2. To provide specialized rehabilitative services needed by patients to improve and maintain the highest possible level of functioning.*
- 3. To ensure patients have a planned program of continuing care after discharge that promotes their highest level of functioning.*

Mission

It is the mission of Northern Maine Medical Center's swing-bed program to assist individuals to reach a higher level of wellness by providing skilled and/or restorative services including physical, occupational, speech therapy; medical and nursing supervision and other supportive services in a caring environment, as indicated by individual needs.

Swing-Bed Program

The swing-bed program is a federally approved program for small rural hospitals. It is designed to be short-term and temporary with discharge options being explored as an ongoing process starting on the first day.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Referrals to swing-bed come from your attending physician once it has been determined you no longer require acute care level of services, but still, have a skilled reason to stay in the hospital setting.

The swing-bed case manager will review your medical record and confer with therapy staff and nurses currently working with you to evaluate and determine your skilled need.

If it is determined you have an appropriate need for skilled care in this setting the swing-bed social worker will visit with you to give you information about swing-beds and to answer any questions you may have. If this visit is unable to be completed prior to admission to a swing-bed it will be completed shortly after your admission.

