

SWING BED PROGRAM

THE JMH SWING BED PROGRAM IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PROLONGED ACUTE HOSPITALIZATION OR SHORT TERM NURSING FACILITY PLACEMENT FOR POST-ACUTE EXTENDED CARE. YOUR ACTUAL ROOM DOES NOT CHANGE WHEN YOU ARE TRANSITIONED TO A SWING BED, BUT THE FOCUS OF YOUR CARE DOES.

The Swing Bed Program is for inpatients who no longer need hospitalization, but are not physically ready to return home. To qualify for the Swing Bed Program a patient must be covered by Medicare Part A, have had three overnights in an acute care bed, and have an ongoing diagnosis that requires skilled care.

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR SWING BED STAY

Once transitioned to a swing bed, patients receive nursing support and - if it is prescribed - physical therapy. Swing bed patients are encouraged to become more independent in their own care and to dress in their own clothing daily. The physician will see you several times during your stay and will monitor your progress. The length of stay is dependent on the individual, but the average swing bed stay is three to five days.

The program is varied and challenging. If rehabilitation services are prescribed, the patient may receive physical, occupational, or speech therapy as appropriate. In addition, a program emphasizing the skills needed to transition to home or a less acute setting will be developed. The healthcare team provides specialized therapies to ensure a successful transition the next stage of your recovery.

Medicare patients meeting the accepted criteria are eligible for full payment for up to 20 days of swing bed care. Payment beyond the first 20 days will require a co-pay. With pre-certification, other insurances might also pay for this level of care. The case managers will work closely with the patient, the families, and the medical team to determine eligibility, implement a treatment plan, and monitor progress.

**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SWING BED PROGRAM
OR TO REFER A PATIENT, PLEASE CALL THE JMH CASE MANAGERS:
585-596-4033**

THESE SITUATIONS ARE SUITABLE FOR SWING BED CARE:

- WOUNDS THAT ARE NOT HEALING WELL OR REQUIRE SPECIAL CARE
- PAIN MANAGEMENT
- IV OR NUTRITIONAL THERAPY
- RECOVERY FROM MAJOR SURGERY, JOINT REPLACEMENT, VASCULAR OR ABDOMINAL SURGERY.
- REPEATED HOSPITALIZATIONS THAT RESULT IN A NEED FOR STRENGTHENING.

SWING BED SERVICES AT JMH MAY INCLUDE:

- SKILLED NURSING
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
- NUTRITIONAL THERAPY
- CASE MANAGEMENT
- SPEECH THERAPY
- RESPIRATORY THERAPY
- ACTIVITIES THERAPY

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