

# SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

## DIRECT ADMISSION BENEFIT ENHANCEMENT FOR NEXT GENERATION ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION (ACO) BENEFICIARIES

Medicare beneficiaries aligned with the Next Generation Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Model may have access to the skilled nursing facility (SNF) direct admission benefit enhancements. These benefits allow beneficiaries an opportunity to qualify for admission to a SNF without having to meet the requirement of being admitted to a hospital for three midnights.

### BENEFITS

- ✓ Provide skilled nursing services to support chronic disease management
- ✓ Provide skilled therapy services to reduce falls and injury and maintain functional mobility
- ✓ Prevent hospitalization and avoidable decline in health status
- ✓ Allow for short-stay rehabilitation without hospitalization

### BENEFICIARY QUALIFICATIONS

- ✓ Aligned to Next Generation ACO for the performance year admitted to the eligible SNF
- ✓ Do not reside in a long-term care facility
- ✓ Are medically stable
- ✓ Do not require acute level of care or further inpatient evaluation or treatment
- ✓ Diagnosis indicating need is confirmed by physician
- ✓ Evaluation by physician identifies a skilled nursing facility

### BENEFICIARIES CAN BE ADMITTED FROM:

- home setting
- outpatient setting
- emergency room
- provider office

### FACILITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE SNF DIRECT PROGRAM

- Avalon Care Center Pullman
- Lewiston Transitional Care of Cascadia
- Royal Plaza Health & Rehabilitation
- Life Care Center of Lewiston
- Prestige Care & Rehabilitation - Clarkston



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