

POST-DISCHARGE HOME VISIT

BENEFIT ENHANCEMENT FOR NEXT GENERATION ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION (ACO) BENEFICIARIES **FAQ**

Hospital discharge can be stressful. As a Medicare beneficiary in the Next Generation Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Model, you may be eligible to receive home visits from a licensed or certified professional under the supervision of a provider. This service can help ease the transition from hospital to home care and help prevent readmission to the hospital.



AM I ELIGIBLE?

Medicare beneficiaries who receive care from a doctor participating in a Next Generation ACO, should have received a letter from the ACO regarding their participation. Eligible ACO beneficiaries must meet the following requirements to receive a post-discharge home visit:

- ✓ Must be aligned with the Next Generation ACO
- ✓ Have been discharged from an inpatient qualifying stay within past 30-days
- ✓ Do not qualify for home health services
- ✓ Can accept services in home / place of residence after discharge from a patient facility

Beneficiaries that experience one or more of the following criteria, may qualify for the benefit enhancement.

- ✓ Chronic health conditions
- ✓ Evidence of social risk factors
- ✓ Psychiatric, cognition, or substance abuse concerns
- ✓ New diagnosis and/or medication change with need for educational services
- ✓ Abrupt change in functional status
- ✓ Recovering from major surgery (or minor surgery with complications)
- ✓ History of frequent hospital admissions or re-admissions

Post-discharge home visit services may vary and can be utilized up to nine times in a 90-day period.

Services may include:

- ✓ Medication management/reconciliation
- ✓ Skin and wound care
- ✓ Medication administration
- ✓ Nutrition care
- ✓ Respiratory therapy
- ✓ Physical or occupation therapy
- ✓ Caregiver education or training
- ✓ Palliative consultation

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ADDITIONAL FAQ'S

How does this benefit differ from traditional home visits?

Unlike the traditional post-discharge home visit, this benefit allows your physician to provide general *supervision* to an outside, licensed, clinician that delivers services in a patient's home.

How much does this service cost?

The cost for this service (e.g., co-insurance), remains the same with or without the benefit enhancement. For more information, please visit the Medicare Part B coverage and costs at www.medicare.gov.

Can I choose my doctors and hospitals?

You have the ability to choose your doctors and hospitals, but this benefit only applies to beneficiaries who receive their care from a provider who partners with a Next Generation ACO. If you choose a provider who is not an ACO participant, normal Medicare rules apply.

Who provides the home visit services?

We take your care seriously. Your home visit services could be provided by the following licensed professionals:

- ✓ Doctor / Provider
- ✓ Nurse Practitioner / Physician Assistant
- ✓ Registered Nurse
- ✓ Therapist
- ✓ Pharmacist
- ✓ Care Coordinator
- ✓ Care Manager
- ✓ Social Worker
- ✓ Home Health Aide
- ✓ Paramedic or Emergency Medical Technician
- ✓ Community Health Worker

How can I get started?

We're here to help. Contact Medicare (1-800-MEDICARE) to ask if your provider is a Next Generation ACO partner. Your provider will then assist with the necessary steps for enrollment in the post-discharge home visits.

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