



What is a swing bed?

Swings beds are for patients who need additional short-term rehabilitation care beyond their acute hospital stay. They allow patients to transition, or swing, from acute hospital care to rehabilitation and skilled nursing care without leaving the hospital. Swing bed programs also allow patients who were hospitalized in a healthcare facility far from home to transfer to a community hospital close to home to receive additional skilled care and complete their recovery.

Morrow County Hospital is proud to offer a swing bed program in our community. Our goal is to help you return to your home independently or with the support of other community resources, such as home care or outpatient therapy.



“This program was the best road to recovery for my mother. She was monitored close to home by skilled nurses 24/7, which was comforting. The staff made us feel like family and reassured me she was in good hands.”

— Conni McChesney



If you have questions about the Morrow County Hospital swing bed program, contact:
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Swing Bed Coordinator (419) 949.3021

Swing Bed at Morrow County Hospital



What are the advantages of the Morrow County Hospital swing bed program?

- + Up to 20 potential days of Medicare-funded care, as recommended by your physician.
- + Skilled care from providers who join you on your path to a healthy recovery.
- + A plan for continuous recovery after you leave the hospital, to help you achieve your highest level of function.
- + Convenient rehabilitation care close to home, even if you were hospitalized at a different location.
- + Patients of Morrow County Hospital receive continuing rehabilitation care from the same staff they have come to know.

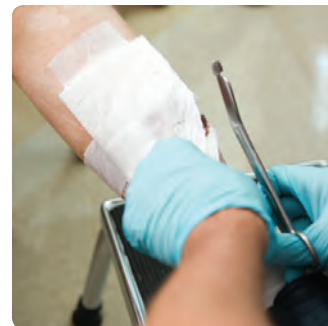
When you reach the point in recovery that acute care hospitalization is no longer necessary, but you are not physically able to go home, admission to a skilled swing bed is a positive intermediary step. The knowledgeable social services and nursing staff of Morrow County Hospital will assist you in your transition from acute care to skilled swing bed care. Because your needs during recovery are unique, your treatment plan will be tailored to your personal situation.

How do I qualify for a swing bed admission?

If Medicare is your primary insurance provider, you must have had a qualifying inpatient hospital stay of three consecutive days. Other insurances may require precertification. Additionally, you must have a need for skilled nursing and rehabilitation therapy that can only be provided in a skilled nursing facility. This is determined by your physician.

Examples of skilled care services include:

- + IV therapy
- + Sterile dressing changes
- + Skin and wound care
- + Rehabilitation – physical, occupational and speech therapies.



How do I get started in the program?

Once it is determined that you require skilled care, a referral will be made to the skilled swing bed team of Morrow County Hospital. The swing bed coordinator will then make arrangements with the interdisciplinary team for your admission to the program.

What will I do when my skilled care needs end?

As you reach your rehabilitation goals, the swing bed team at Morrow County Hospital will work with you and your family to arrange for all of your discharge needs.

How do I pay for swing bed care?

Medicare will cover your skilled swing bed admission if:

1. You have Medicare Part A eligible days or coverage provided by your insurance carrier.
2. You have a qualifying inpatient hospital stay of three consecutive days, or your Medicare Advantage plan has authorized your admission.
3. Your doctor recommends daily skilled nursing care. Care must be delivered by, or under the direct supervision of, skilled nursing and rehabilitation staff.
4. You meet the criteria for skilled care. A swing bed stay can be paid for with skilled benefits from Medicare for the first 20 days. After that period, you will be responsible for a portion of the daily charge, and your secondary insurance will be billed. You can discuss exact amounts with our patient accounting

manager by calling (419) 949.3046. If your skilled care needs end, you may be discharged before 20 days. The maximum coverage by Medicare for skilled care is 100 days per illness.

Check your coverage

Insurance providers have differing provisions for swing bed status, and some plans do not cover this status. Our patient accounting manager can assist with questions about your insurance plan coverage.

What is the difference between the swing bed program and an extended care facility?

Both services must meet the same requirements for qualification and admission, but our swing bed program placements tend to be more short-term than an extended care facility placement. If a longer length of stay is necessary, a patient may need to transfer from the swing bed program to an extended care facility.

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