

Process Map: Patient Eligible for Both Medicare and Medicaid Coverage (“Dual Eligible”)

Scenario where the dually eligible patient resides in nursing facility: Nursing facility care is paid for by Medicaid

Patient Determined to be Terminally Ill and Elects Medicare Hospice Benefit

Medicare Hospice Benefit covers all care and services related to the terminal illness (SSA § 1812(d))

Note: With hospice election, patient **waives** their right to **any** other Medicare Part A payment related to the terminal illness, including the Medicare Skilled Nursing Home Benefit.

Upon patient admission to hospice, Medicare pays the hospice for hospice services...

...Medicaid pays the hospice for nursing facility “room and board” services, but at 95% of the Medicaid “room and board” rate. (SSA §1902(a)(13)(B))

Savings



95%

...Hospice passes on the room and board payment to the nursing facility under a contractual arrangement.

Hospice’s Role:

Hospice provides for all aspects of the patient’s care related to their terminal condition and for family support.

Hospice services include:

- Nursing
- Social work services for the patient and family
- Physician services
- Counseling services including spiritual counseling and bereavement services
- Aide services
- Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech
- Short term inpatient care
- Medical supplies
- Drugs related to the terminal illness
- Interdisciplinary team
- Care coordination and management

(42 CFR §418.100(c)(1))

Nursing Home’s Role:

The care provided by the nursing facility is custodial in nature (referred to as “room and board”). The nursing home staff assume the role that a patient’s family or caregivers would assume if the patient were living at home, no more or less. (42 CFR §418.112(c)(4))

Room & Board services may include:

- Personal care services
- Assisting with activities of daily living
- Administering medications
- Socializing activities
- Cleaning their room
- Supervising and assisting use of home equipment and prescribed therapies

(CMS State Operations Manual; Ch. 2, §2082D)