

| Level of Care | Patient's Medicare SNF Part A Benefits Are Exhausted | Patient Is In Medicare Certified Area of the Facility * | If in non-Medicare Area, the Facility Meets the Definition of a SNF** | Is the Inpatient Spell of Illness Continued? | Action |
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| Medicare Skilled | YES | YES | N/A | YES | Submit Monthly Covered Claim. |
| | NO | YES | N/A | YES | Submit Monthly Covered Claim. |
| | YES | NO | YES | YES | Submit Monthly Covered Claim. |
| | NO | NO | YES | YES | The patient must be returned to certified area for Medicare coverage. |
| | NO | NO | NO | NO | Facility should determine whether it would be appropriate to send patient back to a certified area for Medicare coverage. |
| Not Medicare Skilled | YES | NO | NO | NO | Do not submit claim if pt came in non-skilled. Otherwise, submit no-pay claim at discharge. |
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| | YES | NO | YES | NO | Do not submit claim if pt came in non-skilled. Otherwise, submit no-pay discharge claim. |

* Whether the facility considers a patient's bed in the certified area to be a Medicare bed or not has no effect on whether the spell of illness is continued and has no effect on the SNF's action.

**In some States, licensing laws for all nursing homes have incorporated the requirements of the basic SNF definition (Social Security Act § 1819(a)(1)). When this is the case, any nursing home licensed in such a State would be considered to meet this definition (see the CMS Internet-Only Manual, Pub. 100-7, Chapter 2, § 2164).