

What is Swing Bed?

The Swing Bed Program at MLMC is a Medicare-approved program that allows rehabilitation time before discharge for patients whose needs cannot be met at home or in a long-term care facility. Imagine that you or a loved one have just had surgery or an extensive illness, and are still having difficulty getting out of bed, getting dressed, or walking by yourself. Swing Bed provides a range of therapies in our rural hospital setting to help you recover those skills and be able to care for yourself once you return home.



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Our Swing Bed program offers

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- 24 hour Skilled Nursing Staff
- Nutritional Services
- Recreational Services
- Respiratory Therapy
- Imaging Services
- Case Management
- On-site Pharmacy

We are unique

- On-site Rehab Gym
- As a smaller facility, our in house physicians and nurse practitioners are allotted more time with Swing Bed patients, making rounds every day. This surpasses the medicare requirement of doctor rounding only once a week.
- Nurse to patient ratio is 1:5
- Average length of stay: 12 days
- 80% of our Swing Bed patients return home after their stay
- Pet visits: Pet are a part of your family too!
Short visits with pets can be arranged for patients with lengthy stays.
- Patients can recover in a relaxing, quiet environment in a private room.



Who qualifies?

You qualify for Swing Bed if you are:

1. Covered by Medicare Part A and/or private insurance
2. Are willing to participate in daily routines of therapy
3. Have an ongoing diagnosis and needs that require skilled care as defined by Medicare and/or private insurance:

Examples include: orthopedic rehabilitation post hip or knee surgery, stroke rehabilitation, medical treatment after hospitalization for pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, acute medical or surgical hospital stay, need of long-term antibiotics and wound care.



How do I pay?

Medicare will cover 100% of costs up to 20 days in the Swing Bed Program, providing the patient has a skilled need and is actively participating in the program. If more time is needed, days 21-100 are covered by Medicare 80%, requiring a 20% copay. It is important to understand that Swing Bed care requires the use of the Medicare patient's skilled nursing facility benefit. Swing Bed is not intended for permanent placement; it is for continued care until the patient returns home or transfers to a facility for longer term care.

Our case management is available to discuss the rehabilitation program with you or your family members, or to schedule a tour. Please call us at 706.782.0430.

For immediate attention after regular business hours please call 706.782.3100.

