

2019 Medicare Part A: Hospital Insurance – Covered Services Per Benefit Period

*A **benefit period** begins on the first day you receive services as an **inpatient** in a hospital and ends after you have been out of the hospital or skilled nursing facility for 60 consecutive days.

| Services | Benefit | Medicare Pays ⁽¹⁾ | You Pay ⁽¹⁾ |
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| INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION (admitted) Semi-private room and board, general nursing and miscellaneous hospital services and supplies. | First 60 days | All but \$1,364 deductible | \$1,364 deductible |
| | 61st to 90th day | All but \$341 per day | \$341 per day |
| | 91st to 150th day ⁽²⁾ | All but \$682 per day | \$682 per day |
| | Beyond 150 days | Nothing | All costs |
| POST-HOSPITAL SKILLED NURSING FACILITY CARE You must have been an inpatient in a hospital for at least 3 days, enter a Medicare-approved facility generally within 30 days after hospital discharge, and meet other program requirements. ⁽³⁾ | First 20 days | 100% of approved amount | Nothing |
| | 21st to 100th day | All but \$170.50 per day | Up to \$170.50 per day |
| | Beyond 100 days | Nothing | All costs |
| HOME HEALTH CARE (also see Part B) Medically necessary skilled care, home health aide services, medical supplies, etc. after a 3-day inpatient hospital stay for visits 1-100. | 100% part-time or intermittent nursing care and other services for as long as you meet criteria for benefits. | 100% of approved amount; 80% of approved amount for Durable Medical Equipment. | Nothing for services; 20% of approved amount for Durable Medical Equipment. |
| HOSPICE CARE Full scope of pain relief and support services available to the terminally ill. | As long as doctor certifies need. | All but limited costs for outpatient prescription medications and inpatient respite care. | Limited cost sharing for outpatient prescription medications and inpatient respite care. |
| BLOOD | Blood | All but first three pints per calendar year | For first three pints ⁽⁴⁾ |

¹ These figures are for 2019 and are subject to change each year.

² Lifetime reserve days may be used only once.

³ Neither Medicare nor Medicare Supplement (Medigap) insurance will pay for most nursing home care.

⁴ To the extent the blood deductible is met under one part of Medicare during the calendar year it does not have to be met under the other part.

NOTE: The Medicare Part A premium is **\$0** for eligible beneficiaries. For those who are ineligible, the Medicare Part A premium is **\$437** per month for those who worked fewer than 30 quarters, or **\$240** per month for those who worked between 30 and 40 quarters.