

GREEN MOUNTAIN NURSING HOME
MEDICARE/MEDICAID INFORMATION

The Medicare Program and Medicaid Program are two separate health care programs with different eligibility requirements and covered services. Medicare is health insurance mainly for people 65 years of age and over and administered by Social Security Administration. Medicaid assists qualifying low-income people of all ages. Many people can receive both types of medical coverage. Medicaid may cover costs or services not covered by Medicare.

Below are some of the selected items and services that each of these programs *may cover* while a resident is at Green Mountain Nursing Home.

MEDICARE

Will generally cover all or a percentage of the following:

Urology and colostomy items

Physician services

Laboratory services

Certain x-ray services

Podiatrist care (other than routine foot care) with a supportive diagnosis such as diabetes, mycotic toenails, etc. that require the skill of a podiatrist.

Physical, Occupational and Speech/Language Pathology, so long as the resident has a written order by their physician for these services and shows progress toward rehabilitation.

Oxygen services if individual meets the criteria set forth by Medicare under Part B.

COVERED BY GREEN MOUNTAIN NURSING HOME AS A MEDICAID PROVIDER

Physical, Occupational and Speech Language Pathology if residents is not eligible for the Medicare Program and only if the resident has a physician's order and is showing progress toward rehabilitation with these services.

If the provider of these services does not accept Medicare assignment, the balance of the cost of these services will be the responsibility of the resident/legal representative or other third party billing applicable

to the resident. Only after all insurance coverage has been exhausted shall Green Mountain Nursing Home pay for the service.

If you are a Medicaid recipient you must be sure that a Medicaid provider is providing the service that is requested. If they are not a Medicaid provider, Medicaid *will not cover* the cost of the service.

PHYSICIAN SERVICES

Audiology

- A. One hearing aid evaluation per every two years by a Medicaid provider only
- B. Hearing aides will be covered if the provider finds that the recipient's hearing loss meets the Medicaid criteria of need and receives a prior authorization letter from the Department of Social Welfare.

MEDICAID

In order to qualify for financial assistance in a nursing home facility through the Medicaid Program an individual must meet financial and medical criteria. If you are eligible for the State of Vermont's Medicaid Program, the following items and services are either included in Green Mountain Nursing Home's daily basis rate as a Medicaid provider or are covered under the State Plan through the individual provider performing the item or service.

COVERAGE THROUGH A MEDICAID PROVIDER OTHER THAN GREEN MOUNTAIN NURSING HOME AFTER BILLING MEDICARE, IF APPLICABLE:

Medications that are approved by the FDA

Dressings

Laboratory services

X-ray services

VISION CARE

- A. Visual exams every two years and one pair of glasses every two years if refraction changes more than 1/2 a diopter.
- B. One repair of glasses per ear including a replacement of broken components only.

DENTAL CARE

Under contract as per state requirement.

SERVICES AND ITEMS COVERED BY GREEN MOUNTAIN NURSING HOME RATES

Room furnishings, which include a hospital bed, drawers, a bedside table, closet space and one chair.

Linen and laundry (including washing personal laundry)

Standard wheelchair for transportation throughout facility if needed.

Incontinence materials, i.e. reusable material and/or disposable

Standard dressing

Lotion, soap, shampoo, deodorant

Urinal, bedpan, wash basin, emesis basin, water pitcher and cup

Toothpaste, toothbrush

Perineal Wash

Tissues

Comb and/or brush

Disposable razor and shaving cream

SERVICES

Nursing Care

Recreational Activity

Social Services

Nutritionally balance meals as well as snacks/nourishments

Dietitian Services

Maintenance Services

Housekeeping Services

Use of Lounges, Television Room and Activity Room

NON-COVERED SERVICES AND ITEMS

Below are the services that are offered and items *not covered* by Green Mountain Nursing Home's private rates.

Beauty and barber shop services

Dry-cleaning

Private telephone installation and use

Foods other than meals and designated snacks

Newspaper/magazine subscriptions

Resident personal clothing

Alcoholic beverages received by resident under physician order and/or regular basis as part of their medical regimen.

Oxygen services if the individual does not have Medicare, a co-insurance or does not meet

Medicare B criteria but still desires oxygen services. The cost will be at the market rate.

Laboratory and X-ray services

Physical Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Speech Language Pathology

Resident's personal items such as perfumes, jewelry, etc.

Medical equipment such as: specialized beds, specialized wheelchairs, personal canes, sterile dressings, sterile equipment, urology items, ambulance services.

Television sets

Electric razors

Care by a podiatrist

Visual and auditory examinations

The non-availability of program funding does not relieve Green Mountain Nursing Home of its obligation to ensure that its residents receive all needed services.