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## *M*edicare Services

Christian Homes is certified as a provider of both Medicare Part A and Part B services. Medicare is the federal government's health insurance program for people 65 years of age and older. It also covers many people who are disabled.

### **Medicare Part A**

Medicare has certified Christian Homes to deliver Part A services because we have the staff and equipment to give skilled nursing care, skilled rehabilitation therapies, and other related health services.

Skilled Care” is health care given when you need skilled nursing or rehabilitation staff to manage, observe, and evaluate your care. However, Medicare does not cover custodial care. Custodial Care” is care that helps you with usual daily activities like walking, eating, or bathing. It may also include care that most people do themselves, such as using eye drops, oxygen, and taking care of catheters. Christian Homes delivers both skilled and custodial care services.

Generally skilled care is available only for a short time after hospitalization. Custodial care may be needed for a much longer period of time.

Medicare will cover skilled care only if **all** of the following are true:

1. You have Medicare Part A benefits and have days left in your benefit period.
2. You have a qualifying hospital stay. This means an inpatient, acute hospital stay of at least 3 consecutive days, not including the day you leave the hospital.

3. You must enter a SNF, which has been certified by Medicare, within 30 days of leaving the hospital.
4. Your doctor has decided that you need **daily** skilled care
5. You need these skilled services for a medical condition that was treated during the qualifying 3-day hospital stay.

## **Medicare Part B**

Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) helps cover your doctors' services, outpatient hospital care, and some other medical services that Part A does not cover, such as some of the services of physical, speech, and occupational therapists. Part B helps pay for these covered services and supplies when they are medically necessary. You pay a Medicare Part B premium to obtain Part B benefits.