§ 409.18 Services related to kidney transplantations.

(a) Kidney transplants. Medicare pays for kidney transplantation surgery only if performed in a renal transplantation center approved under subpart U of part 405 of this chapter.

(b) Services in connection with kidney donations. Medicare pays for services related to the evaluation or preparation of a potential or actual donor, to the donation of the kidney, or to postoperative recovery services directly related to the kidney donation—

(1) If the kidney is intended for an individual who has ESRD and is entitled to Medicare benefits or can be expected to become so entitled within a reasonable time; and

(2) Regardless of whether the donor is entitled to Medicare.

Subpart C—Posthospital SNF Care

§ 409.20 Coverage of services.

(a) Included services. Subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this subpart and subpart D of this part, “posthospital SNF care” means the following services furnished to an inpatient of a participating SNF, or of a participating hospital or critical access hospital (CAH) that has a swing-bed approval:

(1) Nursing care provided by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse.

(2) Bed and board in connection with the furnishing of that nursing care.

(3) Physical, occupational, or speech therapy.

(4) Medical social services.

(5) Drugs, biologicals, supplies, appliances, and equipment.

(6) Services furnished by a hospital with which the SNF has a transfer agreement in effect under § 483.75(n) of this chapter.

(7) Other services that are generally provided by (or under arrangements made by) SNFs.

(b) Excluded services—(1) Services that are not considered inpatient hospital services. No service is included as posthospital SNF care if it would not be included as an inpatient hospital service under §§ 409.11 through 409.18.

(2) Services not generally provided by (or under arrangements made by) SNFs. Except as specifically listed in §§ 409.21 through 409.27, only those services generally provided by (or under arrangements made by) SNFs are considered as posthospital SNF care. For example, a type of medical or surgical procedure that is ordinarily performed only on an inpatient basis in a hospital is not included as “posthospital SNF care,” because such procedures are not generally provided by (or under arrangements made by) SNFs.

(c) Terminology. In §§ 409.21 through 409.36—

(1) The terms SNF and swing-bed hospital are used when the context applies to the particular facility.

(2) The term facility is used to mean both SNFs and swing-bed hospitals.

(3) The term swing-bed hospital includes a CAH with swing-bed approval under subpart F of part 485 of this chapter.

(4) The term post-hospital SNF care includes SNF care that does not follow a hospital stay when the beneficiary is enrolled in a plan, as defined in § 422.4 of this chapter, offered by a Medicare+Choice (M+C) organization, that includes the benefits described in § 422.101(c) of this chapter.


§ 409.21 Nursing care.

(a) Basic rule. Medicare pays for nursing care as posthospital SNF care when provided by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse.

(b) Exception. Medicare does not pay for the services of a private duty nurse.