



State of Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care

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Wisconsin Medicare Supplement Policy 30-Day Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care Benefit

The State of Wisconsin Medigap Helpline and Medigap Part D & Prescription Drug Helpline are a part of the Wisconsin State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our phone number can be found on the back of the Wisconsin Medicare and You Book. Insurance counseling and resources are available for beneficiaries with any Medicare-related questions.

Since November 1979, Wisconsin has required Medicare Supplement (Medigap) Policies issued in Wisconsin to cover 30 days of skilled nursing facility care that is medically necessary.

[\[s.632.895 \(3\), Wis. Stat.\]](#)

To use this 30-day skilled nursing facility care benefit the Medigap policyholder must:

- be receiving skilled care (*medically necessary services certified by the attending physician and recertified every 7 days*), and
- be in a state licensed skilled nursing facility.

For this benefit, no prior hospital stay is required, and the nursing home providing skilled care does not need to be Medicare-certified. This benefit cannot be used to cover custodial care (non-medical help with basic living needs).

The 30-day nursing home benefit can be used whether a nursing home stay is Medicare covered or not Medicare covered if all other requirements are met. (*The 30-day Medigap benefit would be applied following the 100 Medicare covered days for a Medicare covered stay.*)

If you find that our agency can be of any service to you or if you still have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us again at either of the numbers below. In your message be sure to include your name, address, call back number, email address (if available), and reason for your call. Program staff will contact you using the information you provide.

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