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Wisconsin Medicare Supplement Policy 30-Day Nursing Home Benefit

Thank you for contacting the State of Wisconsin Medigap Helpline or Medigap Prescription Drug Helpline. These helplines are a part of the Wisconsin State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), and our number can be found on the back of the Wisconsin Medicare and You Book. Counseling and resources are available for beneficiaries with any Medicare-related questions.

Since November 1979, Wisconsin State Law has required individual Medicare Supplements (Medigap) Policies issued in Wisconsin to cover 30 days of skilled nursing facility care [[s.632.895 \(3\), Wis. Stat.](#)]. To utilize this 30-day nursing home benefit the resident must be receiving skilled care, which is medically necessary services certified by the attending physician and recertified every 7 days. No prior hospital stay is required, and the nursing home does not need to be Medicare-certified but must be state-licensed. This benefit is not applicable to custodial care (non-medical help with basic living needs). The 30-day benefit can be utilized whether a nursing home stay is Medicare covered or not Medicare covered if all other requirements are met. *(The 30-day benefit would be applied following the 100 Medicare covered days for a Medicare covered stay).*

If you need any additional counseling or resources, contact us again at either of the numbers below. In your message please be sure to include your name, address, call back number, email address (if available), and reason for your call. A counselor will contact you using the information you provide.

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Thank You,

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