



# Medicare

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Patient name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medicare Change of Status Notice

**Important!** You're getting this notice because your hospital changed your status from "hospital inpatient" to "hospital outpatient receiving observation services."

The box marked below shows what applies to you:

**While you're still in the hospital**, your hospital stay will now be billed to Medicare Part B instead of Part A.

Your hospital bill may be lower or higher than the Part A inpatient deductible. Your hospital can give you more information about billing.

**After you leave the hospital**, Medicare will not pay if you go to a skilled nursing facility.

**While you're still in the hospital**, the hospital may charge you the full cost of your outpatient hospital stay because you don't have Medicare Part B.

**After you leave the hospital**, Medicare will not pay if you go to a skilled nursing facility.

### You Can Appeal

- You can appeal your status change to a Quality Improvement Organization right away. Quality Improvement Organizations are independent of Medicare.
- If you decide to appeal, your Quality Improvement Organization will look at your records and give you its decision about 2 days after you ask for an appeal.
- Call your Quality Improvement Organization to appeal at:

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- You should ask for an appeal as soon as possible and before you leave the hospital.
- **After you leave the hospital, you still have appeal rights.** Call your Quality Improvement Organization.

## What Happens After I Appeal?

- You'll get the appeal decision from the Quality Improvement Organization about 2 days after you appeal, even if you leave the hospital.
- If you decide to stay in the hospital beyond your planned discharge date you may be responsible for payment of services you get during the appeal process.
- If your appeal is favorable to you, Medicare may cover your skilled facility nursing stay after you leave the hospital.

## Questions?

- If you think you may want to appeal and want more information about the appeals process, call your Quality Improvement Organization at:  

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- For more information about your Medicare coverage, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

## Additional Information (Optional):

## Sign below to show you received and understood this notice.

Signature of patient or representative	Date
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**Medicare**

You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you've been discriminated against. Visit [Medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice](https://www.medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

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