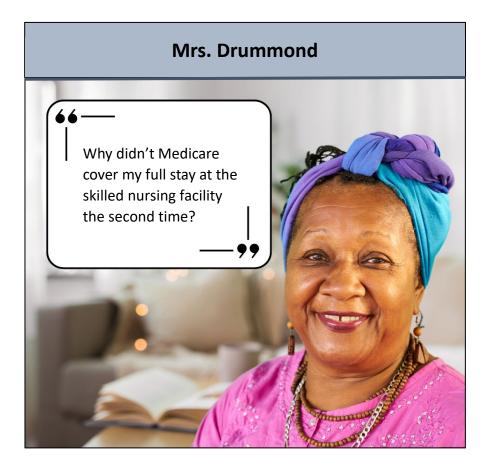


Scenario Worksheet

Medicare & Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Stays Beyond 100 Days



Scenario

Mrs. Drummond is 70 and has Original Medicare, which is Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance). In April, she was admitted to a skilled nursing facility (SNF) following a hospital admission for a stroke. After getting quality care from this SNF for 92 days, she was discharged. Medicare paid its part for her full stay at the SNF.

A month later, Mrs. Drummond fell in her home and broke her hip. She was admitted to the hospital for 4 days and was then discharged to a SNF for therapy for 21 days. After she was discharged from the SNF, Mrs. Drummond got a bill charging her the full amount for 13 of the 21 days she was in the SNF. She wants to know if this is a mistake, because she thought Medicare would pay for her full stay at the SNF, as it did for her first stay.

Questions

1. Will Medicare cover Mrs. Drummond's entire SNF stay for her hip rehab?

2. What's the criteria for Medicare coverage for SNF care?

3. What happened to Mrs. Drummond's SNF coverage after running out of Medicare-covered days in her benefit period?

4. What are the out-of-pocket costs for Medicare-covered services in SNF care if you have Original Medicare, like Mrs. Drummond?

5. How can Mrs. Drummond get help paying for her SNF stay?