

## SNF three-day waiver program

Beginning July 1, Beaumont ACO, through its participation in Medicare Shared Savings Program Enhanced Track, will be eligible to utilize Medicare's SNF three-day waiver program. Only Shared Savings Program ACOs that are currently participating in or applying to certain Shared Savings Program performance-based risk tracks have the opportunity to apply for this program.

The SNF three-day rule waives the requirement for a three-day inpatient hospital stay prior to a Medicare-covered, post-hospital, extended-care service for eligible beneficiaries. To be eligible to receive covered SNF services under the waiver, a beneficiary must be attributed to our MSSP contract and appear on an eligible assignment list report:

Additionally, beneficiaries must meet the following requirements:

- not reside in a SNF or other long-term care setting
- be medically stable
- not require inpatient or further inpatient hospital evaluation or treatment
- have certain and confirmed diagnoses
- have an identified skilled nursing or rehabilitation need that he/she cannot receive as an outpatient
- have been evaluated and approved for admission to the SNF within three days prior to the SNF admission by the ACO's medical director, consistent with the ACO's beneficiary evaluation and admission plan

Eligible beneficiaries will be referred to affiliated SNFs, which have contracted with Beaumont ACO to participate in the SNF three-day waiver program.

The referral for SNF three-day waiver admission can be received from outpatient ACO physicians, emergency departments, observation/short stay and inpatient acute care settings.

ACO clinical leadership will be meeting with representatives from the eight Beaumont acute care campuses' Care Management, Emergency Department leadership and affiliated SNF to review the work flow processes required to refer a beneficiary to an affiliated SNF through the SNF three-day waiver program.

For additional information, including forms, process outline, educational material and our affiliated SNF network list, please visit our website at [beaumont-aco.org](http://beaumont-aco.org).

Sincerely,

**Dr. Sarju Shah**  
Medical Director  
Beaumont ACO