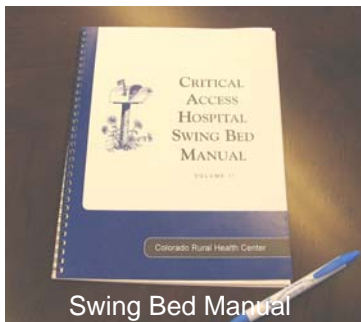


# Critical Access Hospital Swing Bed Training Program

In order to assist Critical Access Hospitals with implementing swing bed programs and conducting case management activities, and in order to promote the appropriate use of skilled services, the Colorado Rural Health Center created a Swing Bed training program and manual. These tools have been extremely effective throughout Colorado, and are now available at a national level.

## Swing Bed Training Program:

- Four-hour interactive session
- Geared toward physicians, clinical staff and case managers
- Facilitated by experienced RN consultants
- Scheduled on site at hospital or meeting facility
- Tailored to meet specific needs



## Swing Bed Manual:

- Comprehensive overview of Medicare regulations, including:
  - ◆ Admission Criteria
  - ◆ Documentation Requirements
  - ◆ Instructions for Transfer
  - ◆ Clinical Services Required
- State-specific Medicaid regulations
- Includes laminated "Quick Reference Guide"

*"The training provided our staff with a better understanding of Swing Beds, and the specific examples were especially helpful." Critical Access Hospital, Director of Nursing*

## WHY USE SWING BEDS?

- The utilization of swing beds in Critical Access Hospitals provides a viable option at the local community level for patients in need of skilled care.
- Critical Access Hospitals are reimbursed at a cost-based level for Medicare swing bed services and in 20 states, increased Medicaid reimbursement is available as well.
- Swing bed usage for rehabilitation can strengthen relationships between Critical Access Hospitals and larger tertiary facilities subject to Inpatient Rehab Facility rules that limit treatment for specified conditions.

## Swing Bed PROGRAM



When A Patient  
Is Not Quite Ready  
To Go Home

Patient Information  
Brochure



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**Swing Bed Training**

**Four-hour session, maximum 50 participants.....\$2500 plus travel**

**Swing Bed Manual**

**Medicare only.....\$750 for PDF File  
(Printing available for additional fee.)**

**Medicaid included.....Negotiated based on state-specific research required.**

**Swing Bed Brochure**

**Information for patients and families.....\$95 for print ready file  
(Printing available for additional fee.)**

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