

BILL INTRODUCED TO REMOVE HOSPITAL STAY REQUIREMENT FOR SNFS

Prior to the government shutdown, Representative Jim McDermott of Washington introduced a bill that would end the hospital inpatient requirement for skilled nursing facility ("SNF") coverage. Currently, a beneficiary must complete a three-day inpatient hospital stay before qualifying for an SNF stay. The proposed bill would eliminate the hospital stay requirement so long as a physician or other qualified professional certified the need for skilled services.

The Congressional Commission on Long-Term Care recently released a report to Congress that included a recommendation for removal of the inpatient stay requirement. While this change is widely supported, the proposed bill will not be addressed until the government resumes functioning.

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