

SNF Levels of Care

Level I: Non-Skilled Care | Rev Code 191

- Level I care is considered custodial and is a non-covered benefit. Reference the Priority Health [Non-Acute Inpatient Services medical policy \(91332\)](#) for more information.

Level II: Routine SNF Care | Rev Code 192

- Skilled Nursing Care and/or Skilled Therapy combined total of 1-1.5 hours at least 5 days/week after admission day and care plan/goals established except in extenuating circumstances, e.g., member develops medical issues/complications that limit participation in therapy over a few days. Member may qualify due to skilled nursing, therapy, or both.

Skilled nursing care includes but is not limited to:

- IV antibiotic or infusion given at least daily (Treatment not available at a lower level, such as home health care, for various reasons such as physical or cognitive limitations with training).
- Wound care provided at least daily that requires a skilled nurse including but not limited to wound packing, medication application, or specialized dressings (Treatment not available at a lower level of care, such as home health care due to frequency or level of skill needed). Any complex wound type (surgical, dehisced, pressure ulcer stage I or II) (excludes chronic ulcers)
- New enteral feeding that comprises at least 26% of daily calories with assessments and adjustments to rates
- Other skilled service upon approval of the PH case manager in collaboration with the provider. Examples include psychiatric or social work interventions, initiation and supervision of bladder and bowel regimen, suprapubic catheter, stable mechanical ventilation management, other nursing interventions requiring assessment, observation, monitoring, and/or education, and skilled services outlined in InterQual criteria.

Level III: Moderate SNF Care | Rev Code 193

- Skilled Nursing Care with or without Skilled Therapy combined total of 1-1.5 hours at least 5 days/week after admission and care plan/goals established except in extenuating circumstances, e.g., member develops medical issues/complications that limit participation in therapy over a few days. Moderate skilled nursing care may include but is not limited to one of the following services:
 - Multiple IV antibiotics or infusion given throughout a 24-hour period.
 - 1:1 Sitter

Level IV: Complex SNF Care | Rev Code 194

- Skilled Nursing Care and/or Skilled Therapy combined total of 1-1.5 hours at least 5 days/week after admission day and care plan/goals established except in extenuating circumstances, e.g., member develops medical issues/complications that limit

participation in therapy over a few days Members may qualify due to skilled nursing, therapy, or both.

Complex skilled services may include but is not limited to:

- TPN/Lipids
- Bariatric patients with specialty equipment
- Specialty Beds (for wounds or other conditions)
- IV therapy/PICC line with Hx of IV drug use
- Methadone/Suboxone patients
- Increased therapy service to a combined total of two (2) to three (3) hours per day of physical, occupational, and/or speech therapy services delivered at least five (5) days per week, with at least two (2) disciplines. No skilled nursing needed.
- High-cost IV medications (Chemo, specialty antibiotics/antifungals)
- Other complex skilled service upon approval of the PH case manager in collaboration with the provider.