



About us...



Lindsborg Community Hospital is a twenty-five bed critical-access hospital (CAH) serving the people of the Smoky Valley communities. Lindsborg Community Hospital

provides family healthcare services, emergency department coverage 24/7, acute care, skilled nursing care, diagnostic lab and radiology services for in- and out-patients, rehabilitation services and an urgent care clinic on Sundays. For a full listing of services, please visit our website at www.lindsborghospital.org

"Partners caring for the health of the Smoky Valley communities" is the mission statement for Lindsborg Community Hospital. LCH has consistently ranked in the 95-99th percentile in patient satisfaction surveys conducted by national firms Press Ganey & Associates and Health Stream.

Family Health Care Clinic is a department of LCH, and is staffed by four medical providers specializing in Family Medicine. An LCH provider must direct patient care.



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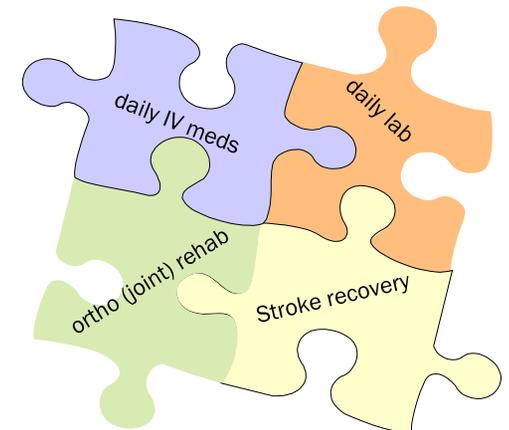
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Alternate Care Solutions

"Swing Bed"

and

Skilled Nursing Care



*Extended stay for skilled nursing needs when
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Pulling the pieces together: What is Swing Bed?

The Swing Bed Concept

The swing bed program is a term used to describe a concept in the delivery of medical care. The program was implemented at LCH in 1981. Swing beds allow a patient to receive the appropriate level of care to meet his/her specific needs while still in the hospital.



The patient, by the order of a physician, may move from one level of care to another. "Swing bed" allows the patient to move ("swing") from acute care to less intense care and back to acute as his/her needs for care change.

Defining "Levels of Care"

Health care today includes a spectrum of "levels of care". The levels associated with swing bed are:

ACUTE CARE: This level of care requires the direction of a physician and the management of the professional nurse and other skilled personnel on a daily basis.

SKILLED CARE is care that requires the *general* direction of a physician, and the care of skilled personnel 24 hours a day.

INTERMEDIATE CARE also requires the general direction of a physician and can be provided by hospital para-professionals with the supervision of a 24-hour nursing staff. This level of care is rarely, if ever, covered by an insurance payor. There are no specific eligibility requirements.

Who is the Swing Bed Patient?



Swing bed is for people of all ages in the community. Skilled care is the more comprehensive level of swing bed care, but short-term intermediate care may be available while alternate arrangements are being made to accommodate

lifestyle changes. Those changes may include arrangements for a return to independent living, a move to a long term care facility or something in between. Our staff can help provide assistance and information while engaging available resources.

Families are expected to assume an active role in the implementation of the plan of care.

Eligibility Requirements for Skilled Care

(typically reimbursed by insurance, but please check with your insurance provider.)

▶ **A patient must have received acute care services for a minimum of three days prior to admission as a skilled swing bed patient, and must have healthcare needs defined as skilled. The three days must have been in succession, but do not necessarily have had to be at Lindsborg Community Hospital. If a patient has been discharged from acute care but needs to return later for skilled care, the patient must be admitted within thirty days of the acute care stay.**

▶ **A Lindsborg Community Hospital physician must be directing the patient's care.**

What Are the Benefits?

▶ Swing bed allows the hospital greater flexibility in the use of the existing hospital staff and facilities to meet the community's changing health care needs.

▶ Swing bed promotes a continuity of care, as a patient transitions from acute to skilled to intermediate, sometimes without ever leaving our hospital!

▶ Patients and their family members will be involved in the establishment of health-oriented goals.

▶ LCH offers immediate access to professional nurses, physicians and emergency care.

▶ Swing bed patients will experience the cooperative effort from medical providers, hospital staff, family, clergy and community volunteers to provide care that promotes physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being.

▶ Discharge planning assists the patient and family with evaluating and implementing post-hospital care needs.

▶ Swing bed offers a familiar environment for both patient and family and eliminates the physical change or move from one facility to another.