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### **What Medicare Does Not Cover**

You should be aware that Medicare does not cover all health care expenses. For example, it does not pay for long-term personal care services at home or a nursing home but does cover short-term skilled nursing care. Medicare generally does not cover eye exams, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dental care or care provided outside the United States.

Medicare will not cover TV, telephone, laundry, internet, beauty parlor/ barber shop visits while you are staying at Wedgwood Gardens Care Center.

### **How long does Medicare cover my SNF care?**

Medicare uses a period of time called a benefits period to keep track of how many days of SNF benefits you use, and how many are still available. A benefit period begins on the day you start using hospital or SNF benefit under Part A of Medicare. You can get up to 100 days of SNF benefit period. Once you use those days, your current benefit period must end before you can renew your SNF benefits.

\*You are NOT guaranteed 100 days as coverage is based on progression and necessity to remain at a Skilled Nursing Center.

### **Your benefit period ends:**

- When you have not been in a SNF or a hospital for at least 60 days in a row; OR
- If you remain in a SNF, when you have not received skilled care there for at least 60 days in a row

There is no limit to the number of benefit periods you can have. Once a benefit period ends, though, you must have another 3-day qualifying hospital stay and meet the Medicare requirements before you can get another 100 days of SNF benefits.