Medicare's Extended Care Benefits Explained

The latest, the least understood, benefit provided through Medicare became available to the 65-and-over population last Jan. 1.

The benefit provides, technically, up to 100 days in an extended care facility per spell of illness. Few people speak of "extended care facilities." The generally used term is "nursing home" — and therein lies the source of much of the misunderstanding and many of the potential problems.

What the Bureau of Health Insurance of the Social Security Administration means by "extended care facility" and what the general public —even the informed public— means by "nursing home" are quite different.

The term "nursing home" is used to designate an institution for the long-term care of the chronically ill, the physically disabled and the aged—institutions formerly called "old age homes," "homes for the crippled and disabled," etc.

What Medicare calls an "extended care facility" is what hospital men used to call a "convalescent home," a facility for the care of persons recovering from illness or surgery who do not need the intensive care of a general hospital but are not well enough to go home. Generally these convalescent homes are hospital-attached.

This confusion of terms has resulted in a confusion of meanings and a confusion of expectations.

What does Medicare provide in its extended care benefit?

At some time during a hospital stay many patients no longer need the intensive care which the hospital provides, but they still need continued skilled nursing for a time. This kind of care can be provided just as effectively, and at less cost, in a high-quality extended care facility. This is what the extended care benefit under the Medicare program is designed for.

Not Custodial Care

There is, of course, also great need for good custodial care and for residential homes for the relatively able-bodied. But the extended care benefit under Medicare is not meant for that type of care.

An extended care facility, is a special kind of nursing home, or a special part of a hospital or other institution, that provides the continuous skilled nursing care and other health services that are often needed following the acute phase of an illness that requires hospitalization. To be approved for participation in Medicare as an ed for participation in Medicare as an extended care facility, each institution must meet special requirements.

Medicare pays the full costs of covered services furnished by an extended care facility for the first 20 days and all but $5 a day for 80 additional days in each "spell of illness."

"Spell of Illness"

A "spell of illness" is a period of time during which benefits are payable for inpatient hospital services and extended care services. It does not refer to any particular illness a patient may have, nor does it refer to a single stay in a hospital or extended care facility. A patient's first "spell of illness" begins on the first day after June 30, 1966, that he receives covered inpatient hospital or extended care services. It ends when the patient has not been in any hospital or extended care facility for 60 consecutive days. Then a new "spell of illness" can begin the next time the patient receives covered inpatient hospital or extended care services.

Within each "spell of illness" hospital insurance covers, in addition to 90 days of hospital care, up to 100 days of extended care services, if:

Terms of Coverage

1) The patient is admitted, on a physician's order, to the extended care facility within 14 days from the date of the hospital discharge;

2) The admittance to the extended care facility is for further treatment of a condition for which the patient was hospitalized;

3) The extended care facility is approved for participation in the Medicare program.

If the patient was admitted to a nursing home or other facility for custodial or personal care and not primarily for further treatment of the condition for which he was hospitalized, extended care benefits under Medicare are not payable. This is true whether or not the institution is a Medicare-approved extended care facility.

Extended Care Services

Services covered in an extended care facility are:

Room and board in a semiprivate room (2 to 4 beds—private room is covered if medically necessary);

Physical, occupational or speech therapy;

Nursing service, except private duty nursing;

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Inside Waveland's completely restored 19th-century Greek Revival mansion and servant's quarters are arranged historic items that tell the story of early Kentucky life and labor.

The mansion's rooms, with authentic furnishings and decorations, present a view of graceful living traditions of the past. One of the rooms is sure to capture historic-battle buffs with its collections of rare Kentucky weapons and battlefield relics.

Near the mansion is the structure once used to house domestic servants. Each of its six rooms has a special historical purpose. You can visit three authentically arranged shops. One is a carpenter's shop with old tools and equipment; another is a print shop furnished from early Kentucky newspaper offices; and a third is a combination leather and cobbler's shop equipped with rare articles found in an old Louisville shop.

Other rooms include an early servant's room and a fireplace kitchen. The kitchen room is workable with a vast array of antique labor-saving devices and utensils. This room eventually will be the scene for fireplace cooking demonstrations.

You don't want to miss the Odds and Ends Room if you own an antique that defies identification. You may find its relative in this room full of rare and unusual objects that have served a wide range of use.

Historic Waveland is located on Higbee Mill Pike, which runs between US-27 and US-68, about six miles south of downtown Lexington. Museum hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday; closes Saturday and Sunday during special University events and on holidays.

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I wish to express my thanks to those who sent cards, flowers and gifts while I was in the hospital. Especially to Drs. Kingsolver and Jenkins, the entire hospital staff. Thank you. Mrs. Dick Grimes. 12-7-1pd.

CARD OF THANKS

We thank everyone for the flowers, cards, letters, visits and above all the prayers while in the hospital. May God bless everyone. Russell Ritchie. 12-7-1tpd.

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I wish to express my appreciation for the cards, gifts, prayers and any kindness. Dr. Morford and hospital staff while I was a patient at the Nicholas County Hospital. God bless each one. Ruth Deuser. 12-7-1tpd

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank each one for their kindness shown me at the death of my husband, Reynolds Gaunce. To those who sent flowers, cards, and food. Dr. Kingsolver, Dr. Jenkins, the entire staff of the Nicholas County Hospital, Mathers-Shearer, the ministers and prayers. Alice Marie Gaunce, wife of Reynolds Gaunce. 12-7-1tb.

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CAWOOD CALLS

FOOTBALL
By Cawood Ledford
WHAS Sports Director

Anybody Can Win

"I feel a lot better about our chances than I did before the tournament." The speaker was Murray coach Cal Luther, right after his team finished second last week in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in Nashville. The O.V.C. Tournament brought together all eight teams in the league to get the new basketball season underway. The coaches got to see all the other teams in the league in those two days and a month from now they'll begin competition for the conference title and the accompanying trip to the NCAA Tournament.

"It can't remember when the conference has had a better balance," said Luther. "I honestly believe that seven of the eight teams in the league have a good chance to win it all." He went on, "some of the teams, like Tennessee, might embarrass some of us on their home court. But I just think it's going to be a real tough league race this year with almost anybody coming out the winner."

Most years have found the Ohio Valley Conference in the grips of a tight pennant race. Western changed that pattern the past two years as the Hilltoppers rolled to easy league titles. This year Western seems a little less talented than those teams, while almost all the other clubs have become stronger. Western, of course, still has to be given a good shot at the title. The Hilltoppers are small and have trouble rebounding. After Western had lost to Murray in the O.V.C. semi-finale, Topper coach Johnny Oldham remarked, "You saw what happened to us after Greg Smith fouled out. We just can't win without him." Smith is Western's top rebounder.

It should be an exciting year. It looks like the kind of year in the OVC that anybody can win.

Washington Report From Your Congressman

JOHN C. WATTS

While much of the nation talks and voices its support for economy, frequently, action does not match expectations. This again appears to be the situation as Congress presses forward toward adjournment. Congress has made cuts in the appropriation bills—certainly a step in the right direction —but the record of achievement to date, regrettably, can only be regarded as a modest one.

According to the latest report made by the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Representative George H. Mahon, (D. Tex.), the committee in the final process of wrapping up its appropriations work for this session, anticipates making approximately a $6-billion saving. I, for one, certainly hope before Congress is through, that it is even larger than this amount.

While a $6-billion cut in appropriations is significant, and further, it is some comfort that appropriations for fiscal 1968 (which began July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968) may in total, be within the total for the preceding fiscal year of less than half of the $6-billion, with the remainder to be saved in subsequent years. This is as great a savings as many of us hoped to be achieved.

At the time of writing this newsletter, the Foreign Aid appropriation measure for fiscal 1968 is scheduled for consideration on the House Floor within the next few days. As reported from the Committee of Appropriations, it is $1,043,000,000 below the budget requests for appropriations.

According to Chairman Mahon, if the House sustains the committee amendments, the House, in the 14 appropriation bills it has considered for the current fiscal year 1968, it will have cut the President's request for appropriations by more than $5.6 billion. The one remaining appropriation bill to be reported, is the supplemental covering principally the antipoverty program. If the appropriation for this program is held to no more than last year's, which appears likely, the House reductions in fiscal appropriation requests will exceed the sum of $6-billion.

The Senate which just passed the military construction appropriation bill, approved a decrease of more than $45-million even below the House passed decrease of more than $794-million reduction in the budget requests. However, it must be recognized that the total amount of 1967 appropriations was $1,604,070,000, compared to 1968 budget estimates of $2,937,000,000. Thus, despite cuts, the 1968 appropriations for the military construction bill, are nearly $500-million above the appropriations for fiscal 1967.

According to Chairman Mahon, if the appropriation cuts in the military construction bill are finally approximately $800-million are retained in the final bill; if Congress cuts approximately $1-billion from the appropriation bill, as may well happen, and if the anti-poverty program is held to not more than last year's appropriation level, it seems likely that Congress will cut the fiscal 1968 budget requests for appropriations in excess of $6-billion.

I am glad, indeed, to see these cuts made, but, in my opinion, they should be considered only a beginning and much greater savings should be made if we are to assure our nation a sound fiscal policy.

As many of my constituents will recall, I initiated action in the House Ways and Means Committee to delay action on the 10-per-cent surtax increase requested by the President, until such time as the Administration cut back on Federal spending. I have also felt the Congress should reduce expenditures wherever possible and I am pleased that, despite many pressures, obligations and commitments, it appears the Federal Government will effect some economy in its budget, perhaps reaching the sum of $6-billion in savings, but I personally hope it will make still great economies.

DICKSON NAMED P.R. FOR TEL. AND TEL.

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Kentucky in 1953.

He was first employed by Southern Bell in 1955 in Frankfort. He was later named traffic manager in Winchester, and has held subsequent positions as college employment co-ordinator in Atlanta, Georgia, district traffic manager in Danville, state traffic supervisor in Louisville, and division traffic manager in Raleigh, N.C.

Dickson is married to the former Roberta Moberly of Mt. Sterling, and the Dickson's have one son. Dickson's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Dickson of North Middletown.

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