

What is the Important Message from Medicare Form?

The Important Medicare Message is a consent that informs Medicare and Medicare HMO recipients their rights as an inpatient, their right to appeal hospital discharge, the way to request an appeal, and the deadline to request an appeal.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MEDICARE

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Patient name:

Patient number:

Your Rights as a Hospital Inpatient:

- You can receive Medicare covered services. This includes medically necessary hospital services and services you may need after you are discharged, if ordered by your doctor. You have a right to know about these services, who will pay for them, and where you can get them.

What is Medicare Patient's Rights?

Medicare covers services that include medically necessary hospital services and services that you may need after discharge. The patient has the right to be involved in all of their hospital decisions, such as working with the hospital staff to prepare a safe discharge.



being discharged.

Your Right to Appeal Your Hospital Discharge:

- You have the right to an immediate, independent medical review (appeal) of the in the hospital. If you do this, you will not have to pay for ng the appeal (except for charges like copays and



ndependent reviewer will ask for your opinion. The t medical records and/or other relevant information. You ing in w you have the right to do so if you wish.

If you choose to appeal, you and the co

What does it mean the right to Appeal Hospital Discharge?

The patient has the right to an appeal / petition if they think their Medicare-covered services are ending too soon.

neither Medicare nor your Medicare health plan will pay for your hospital stay after noon of the day after the QIO notifies you of its decision. If you stop services no later than that time, you will avoid financial liability.

- If you do not appeal, you may have to pay for any services you receive after your discharge date.

See page 2 of this notice for more information.

How to ask for an Appeal?

The patient must make a request to the QIO (Quality Improvement Organization) as soon as possible.



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How to Ask For an Appeal of your Hospital Discharge

- You must make your request to the QIO listed above.
- Your request for an appeal should be made as soon as possible, but no later than your planned discharge date and before you leave the hospital.
- The QIO will notify you of its decision as soon as possible, generally no later than 1 day after it receives all necessary information.
- Call the QIO listed on Page 1 to appeal, or if you have questions.

If You Miss The Deadline to Request An Appeal, You May Have Other Appeal Rights:

- If you have Original Medicare: Call the QIO listed on Page 1.
- If you belong to a Medicare health plan: Call your plan at:

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Additional Information (Optional):

Please sign below to indicate you received and understood this notice.

I have been notified of my rights as a hospital inpatient and that I may a my discharge by contacting my QIO.



Signature of Patient or Representative

Date/Time

Signature- The patient signs on the above blue line, indicating they have received our facility's Important Message for Medicare, that they understand their rights to appeal, as well as be a part of decisions regarding their care while an inpatient in the hospital.