



Noon Briefing



CMS Clarification on Non-Medicare Swing Beds for Critical Access Hospitals

October 1, 2025

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

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Join the Kansas Hospital Association for a Noon Briefing with Shannan Flach, vice president of health care finance and reimbursement, and Cindy Samuelson, senior vice president of member and public relations. They will review a recent clarification from CMS and WPS regarding Non-Medicare Swing Beds and what it means for Critical Access Hospitals. CAHs that provide Intermediate Swing Bed services on a larger scale will be more significantly impacted by the CMS clarification than CAHs that offer minimal non-Medicare swing bed services, due to the greater reliance on ISB-related reimbursement.

CMS has confirmed that the straight average rate must be carved out of the cost report when calculating the nursing facility rate for non-Medicare swing beds. This corrected carve-out calculation differs from how KDHE calculates the reimbursement rate for Medicaid swing beds, causing a gap between carve-out and Medicaid reimbursement. This corrected carve-out rate will take effect prospectively beginning in CY 2026. Importantly, there will be no retroactive clawback of payments, giving hospitals valuable time to plan and adjust.

Hospitals should anticipate the need to inform staff and patients about this and consider providing advance notice of any rate changes.

During this webinar, participants will:

- Gain a clear understanding of CMS's decision and its impact on CAHs.
- Review the financial and operational implications of the corrected nursing facility rate.
- Learn what to expect from WPS's updated reporting and how to interpret posted rates.
- Explore budgeting, operational, and care planning considerations to prepare for the 2026 changes.
- Receive talking points and communication tools for boards, staff, patients and families.

Who should attend: CEOs, CFOs, clinical leaders, swing bed coordinators and communications executives. This session will help hospital leaders anticipate the effects of the clarification and prepare their organizations and communities for the transition ahead.



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