



Petersburg Medical Center

Skilled Swing Bed Report October 2024

Workforce Wellness

- Skilled Swing Bed (SB) is staffed with Acute Care RN's. Swing Bed indicates a hospital room.
- Staffing has improved with 2 RN recent graduates, 2 RN returning from medical leave, and 2 RN travelers included in a total of 11 RN floor positions. 1 RN working as needed.
- 2 RN's are staffed on AC daily if able, and 1 RN is staffed nightly.

Community Engagement

- Currently unable to accept out of town referrals for SB patients due to full census of local patients.
- Networking with larger hospitals in Alaska (ANMC, Alaska Regional, Providence Anchorage) to establish contacts.
- Review online referrals from hospitals in the Seattle area (Swedish, Virginia Mason, Harborview).
- Majority of non-local skilled patients come from Bartlett Regional in Juneau.
- Maintain regular phone contact with Bartlett Regional, at least weekly, typically more frequent.
- Use screening tools (Skilled Screener, LTC Needs Assessment Tool, Infection Control Transfer Form) to assess medical appropriateness and level of care required.
- Review prospectives' insurance and discharge plan to ensure a smooth transition after the Skilled stay.
- Referrals are evaluated by the Nursing Department for Skilled Nursing needs.
- Referrals are evaluated by the PMC Rehab department for qualification and benefit from Skilled Rehab.
- Referrals then go to the PMC physician for approval and completion of a physician-to-physician report.
- LTC Medicaid Authorization for Swing Bed must be approved by DHSS prior to travel and stay.
- Widening the recruitment radius yields mixed results due to factors like payor source, medical/psychiatric complications, and discharge plan challenges.

Patient Centered Care

- Goal: Develop metrics for improving quality of care and achieving optimal outcomes.
- **Developed QIP: Within one week of discovery of need** for LTC level of care and need for Medicaid application assistance. Will notify Jen Ray PMC LTC Medicaid expert: Brandy Boggs HHSW: and Helen Boggs LTC DON.
- Current surveyed areas: readmissions, falls, skin breakdown, Notices of Non-Coverage, skilled patient days.
- Targeting improved communication between local and receiving providers for referrals, medevacs, and patients requiring skilled care; to better disseminate information on services offered.
- Highlighting PMC Skilled Nursing Facility's 24/7 RN staffing for IV therapy, medication management, and wound care directed by certified specialists.

- Emphasizing the advantage of having RN staffing, which is not typical in most Skilled Nursing environments.

Facility

- Obtained High Flow O2 delivery system. IV pump batteries replaced resulting in 100% IV pump functionalities.
- Using newer Sarah Steady Lift for assistance with transfers, to maximize patients' own core and lower extremity strength.

Financial Wellness

- Skilled Swing Bed (SNF SB) care patient days in the past 2 months: 3 (goal: 3 patient days).
- Average census, including all Swing Bed stays (some at LTC level of care): 3 average, many days 4-6 patients.
- No skilled readmissions within 30 days.
- No low inpatient census days. Requiring extra staff and nursing, CNA overtime. Staff stretched thin.

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