



## Avisery Alert: Hospital and Community Transitions Guide 2024 for Professionals

Avisery has updated our reference guide, "**Avisery Guide to Medicare and Medicaid Coverage for Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility and Home Supportive Services in Illinois**" for 2024. This guide is meant to be used by professionals in the community, discharge planners and other frontline staff to help beneficiaries understand hospital bills, coordinate home services, and advocate for access to covered benefits.

The guide includes:

- Clarification of the complex Medicare and Medicaid landscape in Illinois;
- Quick comparison charts for how Medicare and Medicaid cover hospital, skilled nursing facility (SNF) and home supportive services in Illinois;
- Instructions for ordering new HCBS services, home health care (HHC), transportation and other benefits;
- Tips to address problems and coverage gaps; and
- Special discussion of hospital transition issues for immigrants and beneficiaries experiencing homelessness

**Please note** that this guide and included resources are designed for professionals in Illinois and should not be altered or distributed to consumers. They are meant to be a quick reference tool and do not provide detailed explanations for consumers about how each program works.

**For discharge planning guides for consumers, we recommend :**

- Medicare's Discharge Planning Checklist: <https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11376-discharge-planning-checklist.pdf>
- Center for Medicare Advocacy Discharge Planning: <https://medicareadvocacy.org/medicare-info/discharge-planning/>
- Senior Medical Patrol Tipsheet: [https://www.ageoptions.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/SMP\\_Hospital-TipSheet.pdf](https://www.ageoptions.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/SMP_Hospital-TipSheet.pdf)

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