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OUTPATIENT OBSERVATION NOTICE



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH

You are in a hospital as an outpatient receiving observation services, also called an observation stay. You are not an inpatient. Generally within 24 hours, your physician should make a decision to either:

- Admit you for inpatient treatment, or
- Discharge you with instructions for continued outpatient follow-up care.

How being an outpatient affects what you may have to pay: Being a hospital outpatient affects the amount you have to pay for your time in the hospital and may affect coverage reimbursement of services after you leave the hospital.

How observation services may affect coverage and payment of your care after you leave the hospital: If you need skilled nursing facility (SNF) care after you leave the hospital, your insurance carrier (or other payor) might cover SNF care if you have a prior qualifying inpatient hospital stay. A qualifying inpatient hospital stay generally means a hospital inpatient stay (i.e. where you are admitted to the hospital as an inpatient after your doctor writes an inpatient admission order) for a medically necessary stay of at least 3 midnights in a row (not counting your discharge day) within a short time before you enter a SNF.

If you have any questions about your observation services, please ask the hospital staff member providing this notice or the doctor providing your hospital care.

Please sign and date here to show you received this notice and understand what it says.

Print Name

Signature

Relationship to Patient

Date/Time



Loma Linda University Medical Center
Loma Linda University Surgical Hospital
Loma Linda University Medical Center East Campus
Loma Linda University Children's Hospital

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