

Glossary Definitions

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Inpatient Hospital Services	<p>Hospital services provided to patients admitted to a hospital. (You're a hospital inpatient when you're formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order). Inpatient hospital services" may include bed and meals, nursing services, services to diagnose and treat an illness, and medical or surgical services, .</p> <p><u>Learn more about how "inpatient" care is defined for patients with heart attack (or with chest pain that suggests a possible heart attack).</u></p>

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Outpatient Hospital Services	<p>Hospital services provided to patients who are not admitted to a hospital. (You're a hospital "outpatient" when you're getting services at the hospital and the doctor hasn't written an order to admit you as an "inpatient." You may be an outpatient even if you spend the night at the hospital.)</p> <p>Outpatient hospital services may include services to diagnose and treat an illness, nursing services, and medical or surgical services. Examples of outpatient hospital services include care in the Emergency Department (often called "the ER"), observation services, and outpatient surgery (also called "day surgery," or "ambulatory surgery"). Lab tests, and medical imaging tests (such as x-rays, MRIs, CT scans, and ultrasounds) can also be outpatient services. <u>Learn more about how "outpatient" care is defined for patients with heart attack (or with chest pain that suggests a possible heart attack).</u></p>