



Notice of Limited Medicare Coverage **For Hospital Outpatient Services**

(Observation status, emergency room, and same-day surgery)

Medicare Part B applies to outpatient hospital services. A copayment for each individual outpatient hospital service is expected and varies by service. For example, you may pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount after you pay the Part B deductible.

In addition, Medicare provides limited coverage for medications in outpatient hospital settings, like "observation". Drugs that are considered self-administered at home by a patient; such as tablets, capsules, liquids, inhalers, and some injections like insulin are generally not covered by Medicare Part A and B. If a charge for a particular drug is denied because it is subject to the "self-administered drug" exclusion, you will be responsible for the charge on your bill. Our hospital is required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to bill you directly for the drugs administered to you during your visit.

If you are enrolled in a Part D Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, Medicare expects you to submit an out-of-network claim to the Medicare Drug Plan for possible reimbursement of your medication. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Part D Plans are intended for retail pharmacies, thus do not accept bills from hospital based, non-retail pharmacies. However, your Grande Ronde Hospital Patient Account Representative is happy to assist you with the paperwork.

You may file an appeal with Medicare on any charges denied. Please refer to your Medicare Plan's enrollment material, call 1-800-MEDICARE, or visit their website at <http://www.medicare.gov/claims-and-appeals/index.html>.

For more detailed information on how Medicare covers hospital services, including premiums, deductibles, and copayments, visit www.medicare.gov/publications to view the "Medicare & You" handbook. You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. You may also contact Oregon's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) agency at 1-800-722-4134 or <http://oregonshiba.org/> for more information.

Thank you for visiting Grande Ronde Hospital.

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