

## Frequently asked questions:

### *Does my doctor see me everyday?*

No. The doctor is only required to visit once every seven days, although some doctors may visit more often. The nursing staff evaluates you daily and will notify the doctor of problems or changes in your condition.

### *What will I be expected to do each day?*

If therapies are ordered, goals will be set for you and your participation is crucial in obtaining those goals.

### *Do I need to bring clothes from home?*

Yes, it is encouraged. Dressing yourself will assist the therapist in evaluating your ability to perform normal activities of daily living.

### *Do I need to bring my own medicines?*

No. Your medications are included.

### *Will I be able to leave the hospital on a day pass for personal reasons or scheduled appointments?*

Yes, if the appropriate leave of absence form is completed by your doctor. You must return before midnight on the same day.

### *What if I do not have transportation to bring me to Clay County Hospital?*

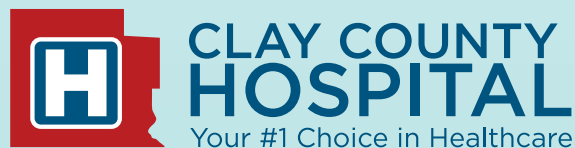
For patients meeting Medicare guidelines, transportation to CCH can be coordinated through Case Management and EMS.

## ***Why choose Clay County Hospital for your Swing Bed stay?***

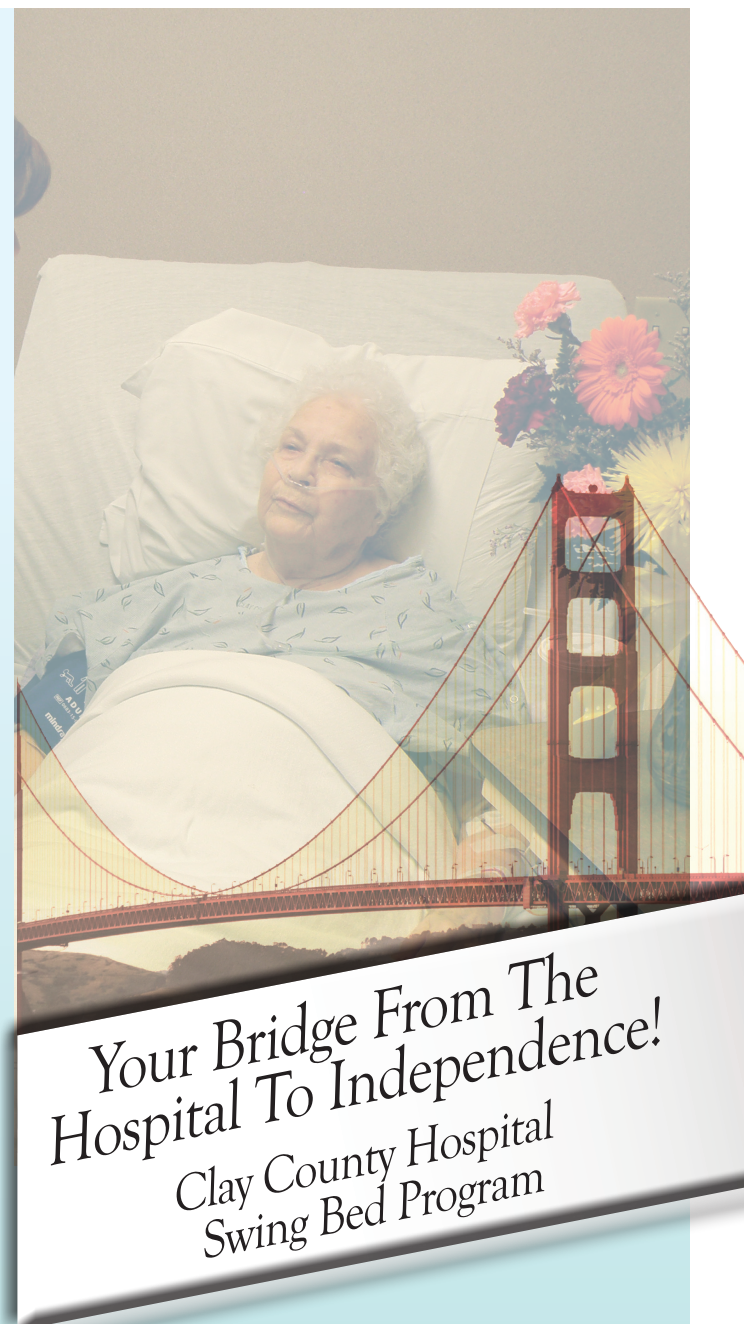
*The care you receive at Clay County Hospital is excellent. Our staff members are compassionate and have a genuine desire to help you reach your goals. You will also be close to home, where loved ones can be a part of your healing process.*

*For referrals and further questions please contact:  
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Hospital To Independence!**  
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Swing Bed Program



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# Clay County Hospital Swing Bed Program

The Swing Bed Program at Clay County Hospital is designed to be a bridge from hospital to home or to an independent living situation.

Services provided to our Swing Bed patients include physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, speech therapy and nursing. Therapy treatment would include gait training, strengthening, stair climbing, safety awareness, energy conservation and activities of daily living. Speech therapy can assist with swallowing concerns, speech problems, memory or problem solving and VitalStim therapy.

Respiratory care provides conservation training, breathing techniques, secretion management and assessment of ongoing oxygen needs. Twenty four hour nursing care is provided by a highly trained nursing staff working in a team approach with compassionate CNAs to meet all of your health needs.

Clay County Hospital provides physician coverage dedicated to meeting the individualized needs of the Swing Bed patient with complex needs. We provide compassionate care to help you in your healing process.

For rehabilitative services, you must show progress toward the goals that have been established by the physical, speech and/or occupational therapists and approved by your physician. Length of stay will vary from patient to patient based on the individual's progress.

Discharge from the Swing Bed program will be coordinated with Case Management services and may include such services as outpatient infusion center, wound care center, and pulmonary rehabilitation. Other community services may be arranged for your continual care and may include Home Health Care, Hospice, and Golden Circle Nutrition.

## How Do You Or Your Loved Ones Qualify?

Skilled care benefits are available only after a three-day (three midnights) qualifying inpatient hospital stay or be within 30 days from the date of discharge from an inpatient hospital stay. If you qualify, Medicare will pay 100% up to 20 days except for any charges that Medicare does not allow. All insurances will be contacted by the Case Manager for authorization of skilled services prior to admission to a swing bed. Periodic updates of the patient's progress will be done by the Case Manager as determined by the individual's insurance carrier. When you are admitted to a swing bed, you will be asked to sign a written notice

regarding Medicare Coverage for Services. Medicaid does not cover Swing Bed Services.

***What is a Swing Bed? All of the beds on the Medical/Surgical unit at Clay County Hospital are certified as Swing Beds under Medicare for the provision of skilled services. A Swing Bed is a bed that can be designated as a skilled bed for the purpose of providing skilled care without leaving the hospital. You may qualify for skilled services in a Swing Bed if your diagnosis and treatment plan meet Medicare's standards. Daily skilled nursing and/or rehabilitative services must be needed.***

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