

Inova Health System



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**Acknowledge Outpatient/
Observation Program**

Thank you for choosing Inova Health System. You have been placed into an outpatient status for Outpatient Observation or Extended Recovery. You are still considered an "outpatient" but are being cared for on a nursing unit for further evaluation of your symptoms by your physician. Within 24 hours, your physician should make a decision to either

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

While you are here you will be in a bed on a nursing unit. Case Management will keep in close contact with your physician. It is important for you to understand that as an outpatient, you may be responsible for any out of pocket expenses, such as co-payments, deductibles, and certain medications, in accordance with your specific insurance plan. If you have particular questions about your insurance coverage please contact your insurance plan.

Your outpatient observation stay does not count toward the 3-day inpatient stay requirement for admission to a skilled care facility under Medicare.

Medicare does not cover "self administered medications" given to you while you are in the hospital in observation status. Self-administered medications are medications such as prescription or non-prescription oral medications, creams, ointments, inhalers, eye drops, eardrops, suppositories and insulin. You will be charged for these medications, even if the nurse administers them to you. If you have any questions regarding which medications Medicare will not pay for, contact Medicare at 800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Signature of patient/patients representative _____

Date _____

Case Manager _____ Phone _____

PATIENT IDENTIFICATION



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