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# Kansas Nursing Home Care for Medicaid Residents

Services and Supplies:  
What's Covered, What's Not?

In cooperation with the Kansas Department  
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## **Services and Supplies Provided to Nursing Home Residents Covered by Medicaid**

All nursing homes are required to provide the following as routine services and/or supplies:

- General nursing services (for example: physical assessments, assistance with eating, medication management and wound care)
- Items furnished routinely to all residents, including water pitchers, facial tissues, lotions, shampoo, mouthwash, deodorant and toothpaste
- Dietary services
- Laundry and linens
- Items expected to be in health facilities, such as heating pads, canes, crutches, walkers and wheelchairs
- Non-prescription items routinely stocked, such as antacids, aspirin, vitamins and bandages
- Therapy services, including occupational, physical, respiratory and speech
- Hair and nail services
- Non-emergency transportation for medical appointments, shopping and activities
- Recreational/activity services

**Please note:** *The above list is not all-inclusive*

## **Non-Covered Services and Supplies Paid for by Resident**

### **Personal Needs Allowance**

Medicaid allows qualified recipients to receive a monthly personal needs allowance. This allowance may be spent in any way the resident chooses. It is typically used for the following:

- Resident's personal clothing
- Telephone and cablevision
- Sundries
- Gifts
- Fees related to recreational activities outside the building

For more information and the amount of the allowance, please visit the SRS website at:

[www.srskansas.org/ISD/ees/eanddmedical.htm](http://www.srskansas.org/ISD/ees/eanddmedical.htm)

### **Reduction of Resident (Patient) Liability**

Federal provisions allow Medicaid customers a method to purchase necessary medical or remedial care not covered by Kansas medical assistance programs through reduction of the resident's liability. Services and/or supplies allowed in this reduction include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Prescription medications such as benzodiazepines, prescription cough and cold medications, Laclulose, and B-12 injections not covered by the medical card
- Dental care

### **How to Apply the Reduction of Liability Allowance**

In order to use this allowance, the customer should incur and/or purchase the non-covered, medically necessary service or supply. It is recommended that the customer check with the local Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) office to ensure allowability of a non-covered expense *before* incurring the cost.

The customer should then submit proof of the charge to the local SRS Medicaid Eligibility Worker.

The Medicaid Eligibility Worker will reduce the amount the customer pays to the nursing home (called patient liability) for the next month. This provides the customer sufficient income to pay the out-of-pocket, non-covered expense.

Both the customer and the nursing home are notified of the reduced liability so they know how much the resident's next monthly bill should be for nursing home care. Medicaid services billed to the State by the nursing home should be adjusted accordingly.