



Regulatory changes made related to skilled coverage eligibility during COVID-19 may lead to an increased number of Medicare Part A assessments in your facilities.

- Current waivers to standard regulations include that residents can directly admit to a SNF without meeting the usual 3-day hospital stay requirements. Because of this, skilled admissions may come directly from home rather than from the hospital or residents who were in the hospital may come to our facilities earlier in their illness impacting acuity of care.
- Guidance for skilled care coverage has also been given for long term stay nursing facility residents. This guidance recommends skilling services are likely appropriate for residents who have become COVID-19 positive (with or without symptoms) and for residents who are under observation, isolation or quarantine related to COVID-19.

For more information, please see the following link:

[https://www.ohca.org/docs/documents/5963/COVID19 Skilled Services At a Glance and FAQ DRAFT 04.06.2020.pdf](https://www.ohca.org/docs/documents/5963/COVID19_Skilled_Services_At_a_Glance_and_FAQ_DRAFT_04.06.2020.pdf)