

Claims reported with any post-acute care applicable discharge status code and an average length of stay less than the Geometric Mean Length of Stay (GMLOS) established by Medicare will be considered a post-acute care transfer and one of the following transfer payment methodologies could be applied to the MS-DRG/case rate payment:

- **Standard post-acute care transfer payment methodology:**
Similar to CMS in that the hospital MS-DRG/case rate is divided by the Medicare GMLOS to come up with the per diem payment. The actual hospital payment consists of the first day payment and the subsequent day's payment. The first day payment is 2 times the per diem. The subsequent day's payment is calculated by taking the length of stay minus 1 times the per diem. The standard transfer payment is then calculated by adding the first day payment to the subsequent day payment. The standard transfer payment is then compared to the contracted MS-DRG/case payment. The hospital will be paid the lesser of the full MS-DRG/case payment or the standard transfer payment.
- **Unique post-acute care transfer payment methodology:**
Similar to CMS in that the hospital's MS-DRG/case rate payment is multiplied by 50% plus a single per diem day for the first day payment. The subsequent day's payment is calculated by taking the length of stay minus 1 times 50% of the per diem. The unique transfer payment is then calculated by adding the first day payment to the subsequent day's payment. The unique transfer payment is then compared to the contracted MS-DRG/case payment. The hospital will be paid the lesser of the full MS-DRG/case payment or the unique transfer payment.

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