



Montrose Memorial Hospital

Medicare Patients • Self-Administered Drugs Information

What are self-administered drugs?

Drugs you would normally take on your own without the assistance of a healthcare professional.

When would I be billed for self-administered drugs?

You may be billed for self-administered drugs during outpatient treatment at the hospital, visits to our emergency department, and observation stay; or, during outpatient surgical, chemotherapy, pain clinic services, or other outpatient visits.

Why am I being billed?

If you receive self-administered drugs that aren't covered by Medicare Part B while in a hospital outpatient setting, we do bill you for the drug. However, if you're enrolled in a Medicare drug plan (Part D), the plan may cover these drugs. Be sure to contact Medicare to receive assistance on how to get reimbursed for your drug costs. The number to reach Medicare is 1-800-MEDICARE.

I never received an Advanced Beneficiary Notice. Am I still required to pay this bill?

Medicare does not require an Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) for self-administered drugs. As a Medicare beneficiary you are notified via your Medicare Handbook and therefore an ABN is not necessary. You can retrieve a copy of the Medicare Handbook at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

If I am inpatient, will I be required to pay for self-administered drugs?

Although you may receive drugs as part of your inpatient stay with us, generally, Part A payments made to the hospital cover all drugs provided during a covered stay.

What are some examples of self-administered drugs?

- Blood pressure medication tablets
- Diabetic medication tablet
- Suppositories for constipation
- Subcutaneous injections are generally self-administered
- Drugs delivered by common routes of administration: by mouth, inhaled, topical and suppositories are all generally self-administered