

MAMC Swing Bed Program Helps Patients Recover Close to Home

Muleshoe area residents discharged from a hospital who still need additional care can recover at Muleshoe Area Medical Center (MAMC), according to Ginger Yaeger, RN, hospital chief nursing officer.

“Guidelines established by Medicare require that patients be discharged from acute care when they no longer meet certain criteria,” said Yaeger. “However, many of our older residents often need additional time to heal and gain to full strength before returning home following pneumonia, a heart attack, congestive heart failure, hip or knee replacements or other acute inpatient stay through admission to our Swing Bed Program,” she continued.

Swing bed patients stay in the same rooms as acute care patients; it is only their admission status that changes. MAMC providers and hospital staff



work closely with patients and family to provide the medical and rehabilitation services needed to allow patients to return home as soon as possible.

This short-term, extended-care program also offers patients end-of-life care as alternative to hospice care. To see if you or your loved one qualify for the swing bed program at MAMC, call Yaeger at 806/272-4524.

Accessible health services are also of particular concern to the senior residents of Bailey and Parmer counties who are the heaviest users of health care services, but may have problems with mobility and/or transportation. Availability of MAMC, Muleshoe Family Medicine Clinic and Medical Clinic of Muleshoe improves community access to timely emergency care as well as more routine hospital and physician services.

Suffering from Prescription-itis?

The providers at **Medical Clinic of Muleshoe** want to be sure you understand how and when to take your prescriptions.

If you are enrolled in Medicare Part B, you are eligible for a **Medicare Wellness Visit at NO CHARGE to you** to review your medical history and assess your risk factors for potential disease.

Call us today at 806/272-7544 to schedule your wellness appointment.



Need More Time to Get that Hip Back in Line?

If you need additional time and physical therapy to heal or strengthen following an acute illness, injury or surgery, ask about the **Swing Bed Program at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.**

The Swing Bed Program is designed to help Medicare patients transition home following an acute care stay at Muleshoe or any other hospital.

Staff will work with your provider to help you rehabilitate and recuperate in a healing environment close to family and friends.



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