



Recuperative Care Center

The Recuperative Care Center, located both in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, provides post-hospitalization healthcare services to homeless patients transitioning out of an acute care hospital. Patients who are not sick enough to remain in hospitals, but are too sick for the shelter or streets can be referred by participating hospitals. Patients receive basic medical oversight in a clean and safe environment in order to recover from minor physical injuries or illnesses. Patients are provided support to attend follow up appointments and get connected to supportive services and housing options.

Admission Criteria

- Homeless and have an acute medical condition with an identifiable end point of care.
- Independent in mobility (walker, wheelchair may be accepted).
- Independent in Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and self-administer medication.
- Continent of both bladder and bowel.
- Medically and psychiatrically stable at discharge.

Additional Admission Information

- Patient must be given medications in supply to match # of days at recuperative care center
- Hospital provides patient transportation to recuperative care site.
- Hospital coordinates Home Health Services, when applicable for patient during recuperative care.
- Admission Hours are 9:00am-6:00pm, Monday – Friday.

Who is Not Eligible: Exclusion Criteria

- Dependent in ADLs , personal care and medication administration.
- Incontinent of bladder and bowel.
- Active substance abuse and not willing to abstain.
- Unstable medically & psychiatrically.
- Combative or aggressive behavior.

Recuperative Care Center Referral Process

A one-page preliminary referral form is submitted by the hospital to National Health Foundation (NHF). NHF reviews the form and contacts the hospital for any additional information. NHF will fax the form to Illumination Foundation (IF), who will make the determination within four “business” hours as to whether or not the patient is eligible for recuperative care services. If the patient is not determined eligible, IF will contact NHF with the reason for denial. NHF will contact the hospital and inform reason patient is denied. If patient is determined eligible, IF will contact NHF. NHF then coordinates with hospital the patient’s discharge and admission to recuperative care center. The hospital will fax the discharge checklist and instructions to NHF and then forward to IF. When the patient arrives at IF, NHF will be informed. NHF will monitor patient’s progress and contact the hospital should there be any changes. If no changes, patient is exited and IF provides NHF an exit summary to provide hospital.