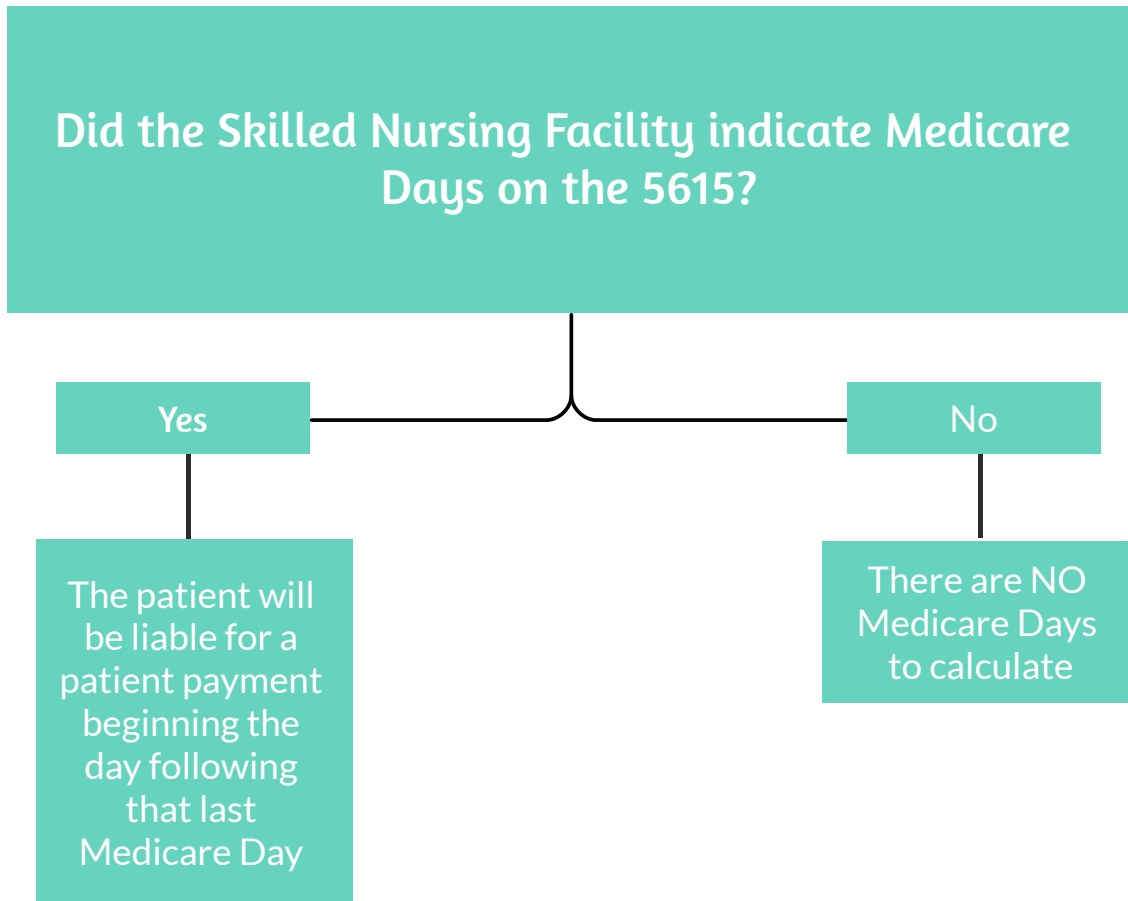# MEDICARE DAYS

When a member goes into skilled care, some of the cost of the stay could be covered before the payment becomes the responsibility of the member. This is referred to as Medicare Days.

Use this flow chart to help determine if a Medicare Days calculation should be completed.

Did the Skilled Nursing Facility indicate Medicare Days on the 5615?

Yes

No

The patient will be liable for a patient payment beginning the day following that last Medicare Day

There are NO Medicare Days to calculate

Example: Joe enters the nursing facility from the hospital on the 4th of September. Nursing Facility has reported on the 5615 that Joe has 50 Medicare Days remaining.

Joe's patient responsibility for his admit month (September, 27 days) will be $0. Joe's patient payment responsibility will begin on October 24th (day after Medicare Days end).

The October payment (1st full month) will be calculated using the Skilled Nursing Facility per diem rate x 8 days (October 24-October 31), or the patient payment from Section III of the 5615, whichever is lower.

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