



# Patient Advocate Program

## TEACH IN February 24, 2026

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### Partial Relief from Observation Status Woes Is Available to Some Medicare Beneficiaries Under a Waiver

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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### Session Overview

Under traditional Medicare, beneficiaries generally qualify for Medicare-covered skilled nursing facility (SNF) rehabilitation only after a **3-day inpatient hospital stay** (observation or ER time does not count) or a prior SNF stay.

However, Medicare now offers a **waiver for beneficiaries enrolled in certain Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)**. This waiver may allow coverage for SNF care **without a 3-day hospital stay**, including direct admission from a physician's office or a shorter hospital stay. Because this option is not widely known, many beneficiaries are unaware of whether they qualify.

This **Teach-In** will explain how the waiver works and how beneficiaries can find out if their **SNF rehabilitation may be covered under Medicare Part A**.

In this session you will learn about:

- What is an Accountable Care Organization?
- What is the SNF Three Day Rule Waiver?
- Who is eligible for the waiver?
- How nursing homes can participate
- Beneficiary rights under the waiver
- How to find out more information

# About our Teach ins



## Save the Date: March 28 Teach In at 10-11 AM, Speaker To be Announced

Our Teach-Ins are designed for StateWide members as well as individuals and organizations across New York State who are committed to helping older adults remain independent and access the services they need.

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