



## **Most Frequently Asked Questions About Admission to the Jewish Home**

### ***Do you have to be Jewish to live at the Jewish Home?***

No; although the Rochester Jewish community sponsors the Jewish Home, it is a non-profit nursing home open to people of all faiths and ethnic groups.

### ***What is Kosher Food?***

Meals served at the Jewish Home do not mix milk and meat at the same meal. Pork, pork products and shellfish are not served. Additionally, during the eight (8) days of Passover in the spring, only foods prepared for this holiday are served. Food should not be brought in to the Home during this time.

### ***Does the Jewish Home cost more than the other local nursing homes?***

Private pay room rates at the Jewish Home are competitive with those of other homes in the area. Information on our charges is available from the admissions coordinators. The daily charges include room, board, 24-hour nursing care; the use of equipment and medical supplies, laundry, general household medicines, recreational activities, social work services, security and routine dental care. Services that are billed separately, if not covered by insurance, include prescription drugs, charges for physicians, eye care, transportation, podiatry, dry cleaning, private phone and cable TV.

If certain medical requirements have been met and there has been a three-day hospital stay, the applicant is eligible for up to 100 days of Medicare coverage. This is the case for most people on the transitional care program. In most instances, Medicare pays 100% of the cost on days 1-20. On days 21-100, Medicare pays approximately 80% and your secondary insurance may consider the 20% co-payment. Coverage continues as long as the resident continues to receive medically necessary skilled care. Medicaid, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Blue Choice, Blue Choice Senior and Preferred Care Gold, as well as a variety of private insurance plans and no-fault motor vehicle insurance plans, also cover transitional care.

### ***My parent does not have much money. Can he/she still get in?***

Yes, the Jewish Home does not discriminate for or against any prospective resident based on the ability to pay. The government programs, Medicaid and Medicare, support over 80% of the residents who live at the Jewish Home. We refer anyone with assets to cover less than two months of care to the Monroe County Department of Social Services, which determines Medicaid eligibility. Medicaid is a joint federal, New York State and county program that covers medical expenses for persons with limited financial means.

### ***Must I turn over all my money to the Jewish Home to be admitted?***

If you are self-pay, you pay the Jewish Home one-month at a time, the same as someone pays rent in an apartment. You do not turn over all your money to the Jewish Home; in fact, by law, a nursing home cannot accept more than three months of prepayment. When applying for Medicaid, any assets or income above the levels set by law must be used for the resident's care. This Medicaid requirement is often confused with turning over all one's money to a nursing home.

### **Will my parents lose their home if one of them enters the Jewish Home?**

Under Medicaid law, certain assets such as the spouse's primary residence is exempt or disregarded in determining Medicaid eligibility. In most cases, the spouse has lifetime use of a jointly owned dwelling.

### ***How is medical care provided for at the Jewish Home?***

The clinical medical staff department at the Jewish Home includes physicians, nurse practitioner, physician assistants and nurses, and other full and part-time primary care physicians who care for Jewish Home residents. Residents can choose to have a doctor from the community provide care, if the physician is willing and becomes credentialed by the Jewish Home of Rochester. Contact the Jewish Home's Medical Director for more information.

### ***How long does it take to get into the Jewish Home?***

That depends on a number of factors such as bed availability, whether the gender in a double room matches the gender of the applicant, the type and amount of care needed, and the length of time it takes to complete the medical, social and financial information required. Sometimes it takes only a few days; other times it takes several months.

### ***Can the applicant have a private room?***

Private rooms are available to residents who, on admission, have the funds to pay. The Finance Office makes the determination of eligibility for a private room.

### ***How many nurses do you have? Do you have RNs on staff?***

A nurse manager who is a registered nurse manages every nursing unit. Another registered nurse assists the unit manager, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants and a unit clerk. The Jewish Home has registered nurses on all three shifts seven days a week.

### ***Once a person is admitted to the Jewish Home, are they allowed to go out for visits?***

Yes. Families and friends are encouraged to take residents out for rides, visits, family celebrations, etc. for which a doctor's order is required. Social workers help family members arrange the details. Outings are also available through our comprehensive recreation therapy program.

### ***Are telephones and televisions available?***

Yes. There are televisions and telephones available in the common areas on the nursing units. In addition, televisions for private use can be brought into the Home. **Please note that as rooms are renovated a television will be provided. Senior TV will provide cable service free of charge or there is the option to pay for Time Warner services.** Personal telephones can be arranged for through Frontier Communications at the resident's expense.

**On the Weinberg Manson Transitional Care Program**, every room is equipped with a TV, with cable, at no additional cost. There is a phone in every room, and the cost is \$7.00/week. You may use a calling card for long distance calls or use the pay phone.

### ***What are the visiting hours?***

The posted visiting hours are 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. We strongly encourage that families visit during these hours only. ***For patients on the Weinberg Manson Transitional Care Program***, it is recommended that guests visit *before or after* the patient's scheduled therapy times, which will be posted in his/her room. Both children and pets are allowed and encouraged to visit. New York State requires that you bring in proof of immunization for your pet prior to the first visit. It is also strongly recommended that all appointments be scheduled around the patient's scheduled therapy times.

### ***What will I need for my stay?***

While we do have toilet articles, you may want to bring in a few personal items from home; men should bring in their razors/shavers. You will need to be up and dressed every day so we recommend you bring in the following: shirts/blouses, dresses/skirts/pants, shoes or sneakers and underwear, including bras. Laundry service is available at no extra charge. It is done once a week and returned the same afternoon. Since it is done in-house, we request that clothing be labeled with your name. If preferred, family can take your laundry home.