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Current Hospital Issues in the Medicare Program

My mother was taken to War Memorial Hospital when she fell at home. She was in the hospital under observation , because she had a broken leg. She was in a hospital bed receiving full care as if she was admitted, we didn't know until the 5th day she was in "under observation." When a person goes from the ER to a bed in the hospital, it has always meant you were admitted. No one mentioned anything about it being under observation. They kept her in 6 days, as my dad was unable to attend to her needs, because of the brace that was put on her. The hospital even stated that she needed to stay at the hospital as her needs could not be met at home. Because she was not admitted, Medicare would not pay for her stay in the rehab with skilled nursing while she received physical therapy.

My mother had a stroke about ten years ago and is paralyzed on one side. For this reason I believe Medicare should pick up the cost of room and board. I understand if she never had a stroke and had usage of her paralyzed side, she would be denied, as she could get some crutches and leave the hospital, but this is not possible. She has been wheelchair bound since the stroke. My dad is 83 years old and can no longer meet the needs for my mother in her current condition.

Once she completes her therapy and her good leg has more strength, my dad will be able to take care of her with some assistance, in transferring her. Both of my parents have worked hard all of their lives and just want to enjoy their so called "golden years", but paying \$4000.00 every 2 weeks so she can get strong and return home is a real hardship on them. They would have been better off being deadbeats and never worked, as I'm told, if they had nothing, everything would be paid for, no questions asked.

I understand some things in life are not fair, but this situation needs to be corrected. Not just for my parents, but all hard working people who believe they are covered. Everything is not black and white, there are always situations that need to be reviewed to take all information into consideration, one being my mothers physical condition.

I just ask that the representatives of the citizens of the United States overcome this unjust policy with good common-sense. This is not much different then what

is happening to our Veteran's, who also serve us. My parents also served this county for many years in state government positions.  
Thank you in advance for any help you can be to get this paid for.