

Case Study 2 - CMS

An 80yo woman presents to her primary care physician's office not feeling well. Past medical history is significant for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and the patient is on multiple medications. She has experienced increasing shortness of breath for several days.

10/1/2013

- 6:00 pm -Patient is evaluated by primary and sent to the hospital for further evaluation via ambulance.
- 9:00 pm –Upon arrival at the hospital the admitting practitioner confirms the suspected diagnosis and admits the beneficiary based on the expectation that the patient's care will span at least 2 midnights.

10/2/2013 -10/4/2013

- Patient continues to receive medically necessary hospital level of care/services.

10/5/2013

- 9:00 am -Patient is discharged home.

ANSWER: Hospital may bill this claim for inpatient Part A payment. Claim will demonstrate 2 midnights of inpatient services. Review contractors will generally not select this claim for review as it is subject to the "presumption."