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◆ Although the waiver of the three-day qualifying hospital stay for skilled nursing facility (SNF) admissions will end May 11 when the COVID-19 public health emergency stops, and therefore SNF admissions on or after May 12 must comply with the qualifying stay requirement, CMS has clarified its payment policy for SNF stays that straddle the end of the PHE. At a recent long-term care open-door forum, CMS said SNF stays will be covered if patients were admitted before May 11 without a three-day qualifying stay even when they're still there after May 11.

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