

Definition of "skilled":

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The services shall be of such a level of complexity and sophistication or the condition of the patient shall be such that the services required can be safely and effectively performed only by a therapist, or in the case of physical therapy and occupational therapy by or under the supervision of a therapist. Services that do not require the performance or supervision of a therapist are not skilled and are not considered reasonable or necessary therapy services, even if they are performed or supervised by a qualified professional. Medicare coverage does not turn on the presence or absence of a beneficiary's potential for improvement from the therapy, but rather on the beneficiary's need for skilled care.

Definition of "Reasonable":

To define reasonable, we should refer to the "Standard of Care" and how we define this. The standard of care would be the care that would be typically provided to people with a similar diagnosis

Definition of "Necessary":

To be necessary, there needs to be little likelihood the patient will get better without medical intervention or spontaneously recover.