

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Nebraska

BEDHOLDING

The Nebraska Medical Assistance Program makes payments to reserve a bed in a nursing facility (NF) or an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR) during a client's absence due to hospitalization for an acute condition and for therapeutically-indicated home visits. Therapeutically-indicated home visits are overnight visits with relatives and friends or visits to participate in therapeutic or rehabilitative, programs. Payment for bedholding is subject to the following conditions:

1. A held bed must be vacant and counted in the census. The census must not exceed licensed capacity;
2. For ICF/MR residents, hospital bedholding is limited to full per diem reimbursement for 15 days per hospitalization (hospital bedholding does not apply to hospital NF-swing-beds or to hospitalization following a Medicare-covered (SNF) stay);
3. For NF residents, hospital bedholding is limited to reimbursement at the applicable rate in effect for assisted living services under the Home and Community-Based Waiver for Aged Persons and Adults or Children with Disabilities for 15 days per hospitalization (hospital bedholding does not apply to hospital NF-swing-beds or to hospitalization following a Medicare-covered (SNF) stay);
4. For ICF/MR residents, therapeutic bedholding is limited to full per diem reimbursement for 36 days per calendar year.
5. For NF residents, therapeutic leave bedholding is limited to the applicable rate in effect for assisted living services under the Home and Community-Based Waiver for Aged Persons and Adults or Children with Disabilities for 18 days per calendar year. Bedholding days are prorated when a client is admitted after January 1;
6. A transfer from one facility to another does not begin a new 18-day or 36-day period;
7. The client's comprehensive care plan must provide for therapeutic leave; and
8. Facility staff shall work with the client, the client's family and/or guardian to plan the use of the allowed 18 days of therapeutic leave for the calendar year.

When the limitation for therapeutic leave interferes with an approved therapeutic or rehabilitation program, the facility may submit a request for special limits of up to an additional six days per calendar year to the Medical Services Division.

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