

POLICY ON PAYMENT FOR RESERVED BEDS IN NURSING FACILITIES

Vendor payment for reserved bed days for hospitalization or therapeutic leaves of absence, when provided for in the patient's plan of care, not to exceed 18 days in total during any 12 month period, will be authorized if there is a reasonable expectation that the patient will return to the facility. A 12 month period is defined as the District of Columbia Government's fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

Payment for reserved bed days will be 100 percent of the facility's per diem.

Therapeutic leaves of absence include visits with relatives and friends as well as leaves to participate in State-approved therapeutic and rehabilitative programs.

**POLICY ON PAYMENT FOR RESERVED BEDS IN INTERMEDIATE CARE
FACILITIES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED**

Vendor payment for reserved bed days for hospitalization not to exceed 15 days in total during any 12 month period will be authorized if there is a reasonable expectation that the patient will return to the facility. Vendor payment for reserved bed days for therapeutic leaves of absence, when provided for in the patient's plan of care, not to exceed 45 days in total during any 12 month period, will be authorized if there is a reasonable expectation that the patient will return to the facility. A 12 month period is defined as the District of Columbia Government's fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

Payment for reserved bed days shall equal the facility's per diem rate and shall not include reimbursement for one to one services.

Therapeutic leaves of absence include visits with relatives and friends as well as leaves to participate in State-approved therapeutic and rehabilitative programs.

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