

Attachment

Medicaid Reserved Bed Days Billing Issues

1. Question: How will facilities bill for the reserved bed days?

Response: Medicaid intends for bed holds to be paid prospectively. The default payment rate for all facilities will be 50% of the facility per diem. In order to receive 75% of the facility per diem, nursing facilities will be required to mail documentation on a quarterly basis, if they were at 95% or higher occupancy. This documentation will be reviewed and, if approved, the 75% rate for the upcoming quarter will be loaded into the system for that provider.

2. Question: What quarter occupancy % would be used to pay rates?

Response: For the October 2005 bed holds billed to Medicaid, the July – September 2005 quarter occupancy % would be used.

3. Question: What will be the due date for the submission of these forms?

Response: The forms will be due to Medicaid by the 15th of the month following the quarter-end. You must include the completed cover sheet and copies of the original census for the quarter being documented. Documentation submitted after that date will not be accepted.

4. Question: Will bed hold payments be adjusted retroactively for changes in occupancy percent?

Response: Medicaid will not make adjustments, either up or down, after bed holds have been paid to facilities.

5. Question: Can a facility bill the patient/family the difference between the 50% or 75% rate and the full rate?

Response: No, state regulation 907 KAR 1:005 address non-duplication of payments and federal regulation 42 CFR 447.15 addresses "acceptance of State payment as payment in full".

6. Question: If a patient exceeds the bed-hold reserve day caps, can they pay to hold the bed?

Response: Yes, bed-hold for days of absence in excess of the State's bed-hold limit is considered non-covered services which mean that the resident could use his/her own income to pay for the bed-hold. However, if such a resident does not elect to pay to hold the bed, readmission rights to the next available bed are specified at 42 CFR 483.12(b) (3). Non-Medicaid residents may be requested to pay for all days of bed-hold.

DMS Comment: If due to demand at the facility for beds at that level, there shall be a likelihood that the bed would be occupied by another patient were it not reserved, the provider should bill for bed hold days, if there is no waiting list, the provider should wait for the resident to return without charge.