

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE OF ALABAMA

Policy on Payment for Reserving Beds in an Inpatient Facility

Effective Date: 08/10/00

Payments to facilities other than ICF/MR facilities will only be made for therapeutic visits not to exceed three days per visit and eight such visits per patient during any calendar year; limited to two visits per calendar quarter to home, relatives or friends. Payments to ICF/MR facilities for therapeutic visits are limited to 14 days per calendar month, not to exceed 14 consecutive days at any time.

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Neither Medicaid patients, nor their families, nor their sponsor, may be charged for reservation of a bed when they are temporarily absent to a hospital for a period not to exceed four days. After the four-day reservation period, the patient, the family of the patient, or the sponsor of the patient is responsible for making arrangements with the nursing home for the reservation of the bed and any costs associated with reserving the bed for the patient. This policy does not apply to patients while they are on Medicare covered days.

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The long term care facility must ensure that each therapeutically indicated visit by a patient is authorized and certified as necessary by a physician.

The complete therapeutic leave records will be retained at the long term care facility and will become an audit item for Alabama Medicaid Agency purposes.