Rule No. 560-X-10-.06. Therapeutic Leave

(1) Payments to nursing facilities may be made for therapeutic leave visits to home, relatives, and friends for up to six days per calendar quarter. A therapeutic leave visit may not exceed three days. Visits may not be combined to exceed the three day limit.

(2) Payments to ICF/MR/IID facilities for therapeutic visits are limited to 14 days per calendar month.

(3) The nursing facility must ensure that each therapeutically indicated visit by a patient to home, relatives, or friends is authorized and certified by a physician.

(4) Medicaid shall not be responsible for the record keeping process involving therapeutic leave.

(5) A nursing facility must provide written notice to the resident and a family member or legal representative of the above specifying the Medicaid policy upon a resident taking therapeutic leave and at the time of transfer of a resident to a hospital.

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Statutory Authority: State Plan; Title XIX, Social Security Act; and 42 CFR Section 401, et seq., Section 483.12.