

State: Maine

POLICY REGARDING RESERVING INPATIENT FACILITY BEDS

The policy of the Maine Medical Assistance Program regarding reserving beds in an inpatient facility during the absence of recipients is as follows:

1. The inpatient facility in which a bed may be reserved:

Hospital	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Nursing Facility	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Intermediate Care Facility/MR	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

2. For the patients in a Days Awaiting Placement status in a hospital, the number of days for reserving a bed during a leave of absence from a hospital: a maximum of 1 day during each period from July 1 to June 30, if prior authorization is given for each period of reservation.
3. The number of days for reserving a bed during a leave of absence in a Nursing Facility: Maximum of 1 overnight leave of absence during each period from July 1 to June 30, if prior authorization is given for each period of reservation.
4. Payment for reserving a bed for residents of a nursing facility for short-term hospitalizations shall be granted for up to 4 days, provided the resident is expected to return to the nursing facility.
5. The number of days for reserving a bed during a leave of absence in an Intermediate Care Facility/MR is Maximum of 52 days during each period from July 1 to June 30. Leave days must be included in the resident's individual plan (IP) developed and approved by Inter-Disciplinary Team (IDT).
6. Prior authorization for bed reservations for short term hospitalizations, for individuals residing in an ICF/MR, may be granted for hospitalizations of no more than 25 days and when the individual is expected to return to the ICF/MR.
7. Prior authorization for bed reservation for an ICF/MR resident who is admitted to the Pineland Center Behavior Stabilization Unit shall be granted if the resident isto return to the ICF/MR and the resident's Individual Plan (IP) as developed by the Intra-Disciplinary (IDT) provides the admission. In no case shall a bed reservation exceed 8 weeks.
8. The number of days for reserving a bed during a leave of absence from an inpatient psychiatric hospital is limited to the number of days approved by the Department. The leave days must be part of the patient's plan of care and directly related to the patient's therapy and eventual discharge.