

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

April 26, 2012

Vivianne Chaumont, Director
Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
Division of Medicaid & Long – Term Care
301 Centennial Mall S., 5th Floor
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Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Ms. Chaumont:

On February 1, 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Nebraska's State Plan Amendment (SPA), transmittal # 12-01, to reduce the nursing facility (NF) reimbursement for hospital and therapeutic leave days (bedhold), to be consistent with the rate that is in effect for assisted living services under the Home & Community Based (HCBS) Aged & Disabled waiver. For NF residents, hospital bedholding is limited to reimbursement for 15 days per hospitalization (does not apply to hospital NF swing beds or hospitalization following a Medicare covered skilled nursing facility stay). For intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR) residents, therapeutic bedholding is limited to reimbursement for 18 days per calendar year (bedholding days are prorated when a client is admitted after January 1st of any year).

Based on the information provided, this SPA is approved as of April 26, 2012, with an effective date of January 15, 2012, as requested by the State. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved pages for incorporation into the Nebraska State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please call Gail Brown Stevenson at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James G. Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

James G. Scott
Associate Regional Administrator
for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Cindy Kadavy
Nancy Keller