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**STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESERVATION OF BEDS IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES

Nursing facilities shall hold a bed for a Medicaid beneficiary who is absent temporarily without restriction or prior authorization up to 24 days annually for therapeutically indicated home visits. Medicaid reimbursement for therapeutic leave shall be made at 50% of the facility's per diem rate and only for therapeutic leave bed hold days at facilities with total occupancy rates at 90% or higher based on the occupancy percentage reported on each facility's latest cost report. Exceptions beyond 24 days are subject to prior approval.

Payment is made for reserving beds for residents of a nursing facility who are transferred to a general or psychiatric hospital for a period not to exceed ten days. Medicaid reimbursement for bed hold shall be made at 50% of the facility's per diem rate and only for bed hold days at facilities with total occupancy rates at 90% or higher based on the occupancy percentage reported on each facility's latest cost report. However, nursing facilities shall hold a bed for a Medicaid beneficiary who is hospitalized for up to ten days.

Payment is made for reserving beds in intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR) for beneficiaries during their temporary absence without restriction or prior authorization for therapeutically indicated home visits.

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