

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS FOR PAYMENT FOR RESERVING BEDS DURING A RECIPIENT'S ABSENCE FROM AN
INPATIENT FACILITY

~~CDC~~. Effective for dates of service on or after February 20, 2009, the reimbursement to non-state ICF/~~DDs~~-~~IIDs~~ for leave of absence days is 75 percent of the applicable per diem rate on file as of February 19, 2009.

D. Effective for dates of service on or after March 11, 2020, any leave of absence during a declared federal public health emergency by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be excluded from both the annual 45-day limit and the 30-consecutive day limit, as long as the leave of absence is included in the written habilitation plan.

I. Leave Days for Residents of Nursing Facilities

- A. For each Medicaid recipient, nursing facilities shall be reimbursed for up to seven hospital leave of absence days per occurrence per year, and 15 home leave of absence days per year when permitted by the recipient's plan of care. These days are recomputed annually beginning on January 1 of each year.
- B. The reimbursement for hospital leave of absence days is 75 percent of the applicable per diem rate.
- C. Nursing facilities with occupancy rates under 90 percent. Effective for dates of service on or after February 20, 2009, reimbursement for hospital and home leave of absence days will be reduced to 10 percent of the applicable per diem rate in addition to the nursing facility provider fee.
- D. Nursing facilities with occupancy rates equal to 90 percent or greater.
 - 1. Effective for dates of service on or after February 20, 2009, the reimbursement paid for home leave of absence days will be reduced to 90 percent of the applicable per diem rate, which includes the nursing facility provider fee.
 - 2. Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2009, the reimbursement for hospital leave of absence days shall be 90 percent of the applicable per diem rate, which includes the nursing facility provider fee.
 - 3. Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2013, the reimbursement paid for leave of absence days shall be 10 percent of the applicable per diem rate in addition to the provider fee amount. The provider fee amount shall be excluded from the calculations when determining the leave of absence days payment amount.
- E. Occupancy percentages will be determined from the average annual occupancy rate as reflected in the Louisiana Inventory of Nursing Home Bed Utilization Report published from the period six months prior to the beginning of the current rate quarter. Occupancy percentages will be updated quarterly when new rates are loaded and shall be in effect for the entire quarter.