

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State of South Carolina

RESERVED BED POLICY

The following is a description of the methods that apply to the established standards for reserved bed.

- I. For Inpatient Hospitalization
 - a. Nursing Facilities - Bed reservations for Nursing Facilities are allowed for a period of 10 days.
 - b. Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded ICF/MR - Bed reservations for an ICF/MR facility are for a period of 10 days.
- II. Nursing Facilities may reserve beds in their facilities for up to nine (9) days at a time not to exceed eighteen (18) days per fiscal year for documented therapeutic reasons or as a trail of home care as part of a documented plan of deinstitutionalization.

An additional 30 days consecutive leave will be allowed for the purpose of participating in an approved rehabilitation program such as an evaluation and training program through the S.C. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation when a patient has been officially accepted into the program.

- III. Long Term Care/Mental Retardation - Long Term Care/Mental Retardation facilities may authorize leave of absence for residents of their facilities for eight days per month as a part of their rehabilitative plans of care. However, a one-time 30 day consecutive leave per admission will be allowed for discharge planning in permanent placement to a home environment. This leave must be prescribed by the attending physician as a vital part of the discharge planning activity. Leaves of absence exceeding eight days per month or 30 days for discharge planning will require a discharge from the facility and re-admittance.

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