

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance

Office of the Deputy Director



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TO: Medicaid Nursing Facility Providers

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Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

DATE: SEP 19 2012

SUBJECT: Clarification of Policies Pertaining to Payment for Reserved Beds in Out-of-State Nursing Facilities

This transmittal clarifies existing District of Columbia policy pertaining to payment for reserved beds (often referred to as “bed-hold days”) in out-of-state nursing facilities.

Reimbursement for services provided to District residents in out-of- state nursing facilities is governed by the District of Columbia State Plan, Attachment 4.19D, Part I, Section XVII.A. This section provides that if a facility is located outside the District of Columbia, the facility must be reimbursed for care rendered to a District Medicaid resident in accordance with the Medicaid reimbursement policy of the state in which the facility is located. This means that if the nursing facility is located in Maryland, then the District of Columbia Medicaid program will pay the nursing facility for bed-hold days based upon Maryland Medicaid’s reimbursement policy for bed-hold days.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Claudia Schlosberg, Director of DHCF’s Health Care Policy and Research Administration at Claudia.schlosberg@dc.gov or 202-442-9107. If you have any questions regarding claims submission, please contact Provider Services in the District of Columbia on (202) 906-8319. For out-of-state callers, please dial (866) 752-9233.

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