

Bulletin: MSA 10-24

Distribution: Nursing Facilities, County Medical Care Facilities

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Subject: Non-Available Bed Plans

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Programs Affected: Medicaid

The purpose of this bulletin is to revise non-available bed plan policy for those nursing facilities holding a written agreement with an accredited medical school instructing students in providing care for geriatric patients. Such facilities may request an exception to non-available bed plan policy found in *Life of an Approved Plan* (Section 9.13.C.) and *Amending a Plan* (Section 9.13.E.) of the Nursing Facility Cost Reporting & Reimbursement Appendix of the Medicaid Provider Manual.

Requests must be submitted in writing to the Reimbursement and Rate Setting Section (RARSS) and should outline the provisions of the agreement stating that the medical school staff determines admissions into the program and facility. The request must establish an area in the facility that is a distinct unit for the purpose of conducting the educational program and the area must continue to meet all of other non-available bed plan requirements.

A copy of the agreement or contract between the facility and the medical school must be provided to RARSS with the exception request. If the agreement or contract undergoes change, a copy of the new terms of agreement must be submitted.

All requests for an exception to policy will include a review of the facility's historical and current survey performance. Criteria regarding survey history outlined in *Criteria for Evaluation of Medicaid Bed Certification Requests* (Section 2.3) of the Nursing Facility Certification, Survey & Enforcement Appendix in the Nursing Facility chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual are also applicable to this exception request.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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