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Subject: Clarification on Hospital Leave Days

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The Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facilities Manual, Coverages and Limitations Chapter, Section 10, contains Medicaid's policy on Hospital Leave Days. This bulletin is being sent to provide clarification regarding this policy. The following outlines the clarifications.

Section 10.2.A (Worksheet)

The following worksheet examples have been revised to be more helpful for facilities in determining their occupancy. NOTE: For row H, the current manual page shows 177. The 177 is not correct; the 177 has been corrected (below) to show 171.

Examples of Worksheet for Determining % of Occupancy

		Example 1	Example 2
A.	Total Licensed Beds (excluding beds in an approved non-available bed plan and/or beds disapproved by MDCH for occupancy)	179	140
B.	Number of Total Licensed Beds Not Occupied (unoccupied beds available for a new resident)	2	7
C.	Beds for Residents on Hospital Leave (Medicaid or private pay is paying to hold the bed)	6	8
D.	Beds for Residents on Overnight Therapeutic Leave	0	10
E.	Total Residents on Leave (C + D = E)	6	18
F.	Adjusted Licensed Beds (A – E = F)	173	122
G.	Number of Residents Physically in Facility (total occupancy minus total residents on leave) (A – B – E = G)	171	115
H.	Occupancy (number of residents physically in facility divided by adjusted bed capacity) (G/F = H)	171 / 173 = 99%	115 / 122 = 94%

"On the Day" – Further Defined

Program policy states that the facility's available bed occupancy is calculated "on the day" the beneficiary leaves the facility. "On the day" is defined as the facility's census at midnight. This being the case, the facility would be using their census at midnight on the day that the beneficiary leaves. Medicaid has further defined Midnight as *12:01 a.m.* on the day that the beneficiary leaves.

Rounding Up to 98 Percent

Program policy states that facilities at 97.5 percent occupancy or more may round up to 98 percent. *Facilities may not round up 97.45 percent - 97.49 percent to 98 percent.*

Revenue Code 0185 with Zero Charges

Medicaid has received claims containing Revenue Code 0185 with zero charges. Medicaid asks that facilities not submit claims with Revenue Code 0185 when the charges are zero.

Manual Maintenance

The provider should retain this bulletin until the Nursing Facilities Coverages and Limitations Chapter is updated with the above information. If using the electronic version of the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual maintained on the MDCH website, retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the October 2005 update.

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, be sure to 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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