

Michigan Department of Community Health

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Subject: Penalty for Use of Non-Available Beds for Nursing Facilities

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Programs Affected: Medicaid

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify Medicaid policy on the penalty for use of beds in the area designated non-available for occupancy according to a non-available bed agreement before the end of the plan. Information in this bulletin will be applied to policy found in the Nursing Facility Cost Reporting & Reimbursement Appendix of the Medicaid Provider Manual.

POLICY CLARIFICATION

The following language revisions are being made to existing policy as shown in **bold print** below:

Penalty for Use of Non-Available Beds

Admitting residents to any beds in the area designated non-available for occupancy, regardless of payer source, before the end of the plan negates the **non-available bed agreement**. **All beds covered by a non-available bed agreement that is negated during the initial period of the plan will be considered available for patient care for the plan's entire initial period.**

All beds covered by a non-available bed agreement that is negated during a plan's extension period will be considered available for patient care beginning with the first day of that cost reporting period of the extension.

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-mailed to 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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