

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT

Nursing Facilities – Reserved Beds for Temporary Absences

TAKE NOTICE that the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, pursuant to the Reorganization Plan 001-1996, in coordination with the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, intends to submit State Plan Amendments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in order to implement proposed State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2012 budget provisions. This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal law and regulations, specifically 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(13) and 42 CFR 447.205.

If this proposal is approved as part of the SFY 2012 Appropriations Act, then nursing facilities shall hold a bed for a Medicaid beneficiary who is absent temporarily up to 24 days annually for therapeutically indicated home visits, and nursing facilities shall hold a bed for a Medicaid beneficiary who is discharged to a general or psychiatric hospital for up to ten days per discharge. No Medicaid payment shall be made to nursing facilities for reserving beds for residents for therapeutic leave or for hospitalization in a general or psychiatric hospital.

The reason for the proposed changes is to save New Jersey Medicaid program funds, and the changes are expected to decrease expenditures by no more than \$15 million in total State and Federal reimbursement during SFY 2012 (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012), in comparison to the amount expended in SFY 2011 for this initiative.

A copy of this Notice is available for public review at all Offices of the Area Agency on Aging that are situated in all twenty-one counties, as well as at the local Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and the DHS website at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html>.

Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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