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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

Bed Hold Holds During Temporary Absences Due to Hospitalization

D-2026-Intermediate Care Facilities-001

What to Know

This directive explains what regional centers must pay when a resident of an intermediate care facility temporarily needs to stay in a hospital or skilled nursing setting. Payments during this time allow the facility to hold the resident's place in the facility temporarily while they are getting care somewhere else.

What's Changing

Individuals living in these facilities will have more stability and predictability if they temporarily must be hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility. This directive requires regional centers to:

- Fund a bed hold up to 30 days beyond any Medi-Cal payment.
- Pay the facility the same per diem (daily) rate the facility receives from Medi-Cal.
- Pay for up to seven additional days if the doctor says the hospitalization or nursing home stay will last a bit longer.

Questions?

Questions should be directed to heathfacilities@dds.ca.gov.

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