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ALAN LEVINE, SECRETARY

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Dear Administrator:

This letter provides information about Medicaid policy on reserving a bed in an ICF/DD when a Medicaid-only resident is approved for the institutional care program (ICP) and goes into the hospital, infirmary or on therapeutic leave.

The 2004 Florida Legislature required Medicaid to change its bed-hold policy to: "Medicaid will not pay for bed-hold days if 5 percent or more of certified Medicaid beds are available." The ICF/DD Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook will be revised to reflect this information. You can access the handbook on the Internet at: www.floridamedicaid.acs-inc.com/index.jsp

Bear in mind that the ICF/DD Handbook defines bed-hold days as follows: "Bed-hold days are those days representing empty bed days based upon a recipient's discharge." Discharge from an ICF/DD does not occur until after the paid infirmary stays, hospitalization and therapeutic leave days have expired and the recipient or a representative has declined to pay privately to hold the bed.

If you have questions about bed-hold policy, please contact Keith Young at 850-487-2618.

Sincerely,

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cc: Medicaid Area Offices

