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To: All Nursing Facility (NF) Providers

Subject: Payment for Bed Hold and Therapeutic Leave Days

Effective: Claims with service dates on or after July 1, 2011

Background: The State Appropriations Act for State Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) contains a budget initiative that removes reimbursement for any Medicaid bed hold or therapeutic leave day regardless of the level of occupancy at a facility.

Action:

Medicaid Bed Hold and Therapeutic Leave Days

Page 159 of P.L. 2011, c. 85, contains the following language regarding payment for Medicaid bed hold and therapeutic leave days: "Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, the amounts hereinabove appropriated for Payments for Medical Assistance Recipients-Nursing Homes and Global Budget for Long term Care are subject to the following condition: nursing homes shall not receive payments for bed hold or therapeutic leave days for Medicaid beneficiaries; provided that nursing facilities shall continue to reserve beds for Medicaid beneficiaries who are hospitalized or on therapeutic leave as required by N.J.A.C. 8:85-1.14."

Procedure

1. All nursing facilities shall continue to submit claims to Molina for all Medicaid bed hold and the therapeutic leave days.
2. A nursing facility shall continue to submit these claims even though there is no reimbursement for either the bed hold or the therapeutic leave days.

Please contact Nursing Facility Rate Setting and Reimbursement at (609) 588-2691 if you have questions.

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