

**2582 – TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM NURSING HOME**

<b>POLICY STATEMENT</b>	DMA will continue to make a vendor payment for a limited time on an individual residing away from the nursing home (NH) due to hospitalization or a home visit.
<b>BASIC CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>DMA will continue to make a vendor payment for the actual number of days a bed is held for a recipient while hospitalized, up to a maximum of seven days per hospitalization.</p> <p>Arrangements can be made between the NH and the recipient to hold the bed longer than seven days.</p> <p>DMA will continue to make a vendor payment when a recipient visits away from the NH for a specified number of days.</p>

The following chart specifies the number of days DMA will continue the vendor payment to the NH during a home visit or hospitalization.

<b>Chart 2582.1 – Temporary Absence from NH for a Home Visit</b>	
<b>IF the recipient is</b>	<b>THEN the Vendor Payment will continue for</b>
A nursing home resident,	a maximum number of 8 days per calendar year.
a potential Alternative Health Services candidate under CCSP	up to 7 days for a trial visit in a Personal Care Home for a maximum of 2 visits per year.
in the hospital	up to 7 days

**NOTE:** A day is defined as an overnight stay away from the NH. A DFCS County Department that becomes aware that a facility is consistently disregarding the guidelines concerning absence should contact the state Medicaid Unit through their supervisor.

**PROCEDURES**

Medicaid will pay the NH for up to 7 hospital bed hold days when an A/R goes into the hospital and is expected to return to the nursing home.

When a recipient remains in the hospital for more than 7 days, assume that the NH has made arrangements with the recipient or family to hold the bed beyond 7 days.

**NOTE:** It is not necessary for the nursing home to send a discharge DMA-59 to DFCS if the A/R is discharged to the hospital and readmitted to the same nursing home, even if the hospital stay exceeds seven days.