

IDAHO STATE VETERANS HOME BED HOLD POLICY

It is the policy of the Idaho State Veterans Home to provide written information to the residents and/or the resident representative regarding bed-hold practices.

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) currently permits the payment of a per diem amount while holding a veteran resident's bed for up to 10 continuous calendar days of any hospital stay, and for up to 12 days per calendar year, in aggregate, for any therapeutic/voluntary leave, provided the facility maintains 90% occupancy on that day. However, the USDVA policy does not permit the payment of a per diem amount while holding a non-veteran resident's bed. Additionally, Medicare does not permit payments while holding a resident's bed for either therapeutic leave or hospitalization. Medicaid permits payment only for therapeutic home visits under specific conditions, as ordered by the attending physician, and does not cover bed-hold for hospitalization.

Recognizing that the Idaho State Veterans Homes contain both veteran and non-veteran residents with different payor types, resident bed-hold charges will be billed as described below. It is important to note, Pursuant to IDAPA 21.01.01.08, the Home will not reduce the charge for any leave of absence of non-veteran residents, not qualifying for any Medicaid or Medicare benefit payment for such absence, and each day will count as if the residents were present at a Home.

DEFINITIONS

Bed-Hold. Holding or reserving a resident's bed while the resident is absent from the facility for therapeutic or hospitalization.

Therapeutic or Voluntary Leave. Absences for purposes other than hospitalization.

THERAPEUTIC/ VOLUNTARY LEAVE

If a veteran resident takes **more than 12 days** of therapeutic or voluntary leave in a calendar year, and the Home's **daily occupancy rate is 90% or higher**, the following charges will apply:

1. **Days 13–30** – The veteran resident will be billed a daily bed-hold charge equal to the **USDVA per diem rate** in effect at that time.
2. **Day 31 and beyond** – The veteran resident will be billed a daily bed-hold charge equal to the **facility's maximum daily rate** in effect at that time.

If the Home's daily occupancy rate is **less than 90%**, and a veteran resident takes **more than 12 days** of therapeutic or voluntary leave in a calendar year, the veteran resident will be billed a daily bed-hold charge equal to the facility's maximum daily rate in effect at the time beginning on the **31st day and beyond**.

HOSPITAL LEAVE

If a veteran resident takes **more than 10 days** of hospital leave in a calendar year **that is not eligible for USDVA per diem payments**, and the Home's **daily occupancy rate is 90% or higher**, the following charges will apply:

1. **Days 11–30** – The veteran resident will be billed a daily bed-hold charge equal to the **USDVA per diem rate** in effect at that time.
2. **Day 31 and beyond** – The veteran resident will be billed a daily bed-hold charge equal to the **facility's maximum daily rate** in effect at that time.

Notification & Arrangements

- Written notification of this policy is provided upon admission, and reissuance of this notice is provided if this bed-hold policy were to change.
- Additional written notice will be provided at the time the resident is transferred for hospitalization, or scheduled for therapeutic leave. In the event of an emergency transfer of a resident, the facility will provide written notification within 24 hours.
- To request a bed-hold for any leave of absence, contact the **Social Services Department**.
- Final agreements will be arranged with **Social Services** or the **Business Office**.