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PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Medicaid HCBS DD Agency Service Providers

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RE: 2017 Billing Clarifications Re: 15 Leave Days

Please share this information with professional, administrative and billing staff.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is sending this clarification regarding leave days built into residential services.

The currently approved Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers for persons with Developmental Disabilities (DD) have residential rates that have built in assumptions. The specific assumption currently approved is: "All residential rates assume resident sick leave and holidays of 15 eight-hour days in a year".

The Division of Developmental Disabilities considers a calendar year (January – December) as the beginning of each year. The expectation for providers with participants in these services, is that the first 15 days that an individual does not attend their regularly scheduled day programming and remains in their residential setting, would not be eligible for additional billing.

Currently, any days over the first 15 days of non-billable hours, a service provider may utilize service code 5606 or 7090/2139 whichever is applicable. Service code 5606 would be used when day habilitation is not provided outside of the residence and service code 7090/2139 would be used when day habilitation is provided outside of the residence.

This assumption can be found in the current approved HCBS Waivers for DD at:
http://dhhs.ne.gov/developmental_disabilities/Pages/RegulationsAndWaivers.aspx
(Section I. 2. a)

If you have any questions about this provider bulletin, please contact Tony Green, Deputy Director at tony.green@nebraska.gov or 402-471-7240.

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