



Bed Hold Policy

HOSPITALIZATION

Residents of Marwood Nursing and Rehab are afforded the right of readmission to our facility following a short hospital stay, under the following conditions.

- When a resident must temporarily leave our facility for hospital care, the resident (guardian / responsible person) has the opportunity to reserve the bed.
- To reserve the bed, an agreement must be signed and payment is required for each day the resident is in the hospital. The charge for each day will be calculated at that room's normal room rate. (O-144A) Payments are required in advance, in intervals of 10 days, which begin on the date of transfer to the hospital.
- It is recommended that the resident's attending physician be contacted immediately to pinpoint as accurately as possible the length of hospitalization. If the hospital stay is likely to be lengthy, it may be financially unwise or impossible to hold the bed.
- If the resident does not want to pay to hold the bed, then he/she has the right to return to the next available bed. This option is also included on the agreement and must be signed.
- If a bed is available and the resident's care needs can still be met by the facility, the resident will be readmitted.
- If a bed is not available when the resident is ready to be discharged from the hospital, the resident may need to go to another skilled nursing facility until the next appropriate opening in this facility occurs.
- The agreement must be signed and payment made **IN ADVANCE**. Payment methods are: cash, money order, cashiers check or credit card. No personal checks are accepted.
- Payment arrangements are to be made through the Billing Department, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The **Medicare Program** does not pay for holding beds in the event of a resident's temporary absence from a skilled nursing facility for the purposes of receiving care in a hospital or for therapeutic reasons.
- The **Medicaid Program** in Michigan pays for temporary absences only for therapeutic reasons and not for the purpose of receiving care in a hospital.