

**Leave Days**

The Ohio Department of Medicaid will make payments to reserve a bed for a recipient during temporary absence for hospitalization for an acute condition, visits with relatives and friends, and participation in therapeutic programs outside the facility when the resident's plan of care provides for the absence for up to thirty days in a calendar year. During calendar year 2011, the payment will equal fifty percent of the nursing facility's per diem. During calendar year 2012 and thereafter, the payment will equal fifty percent of the nursing facility's per diem if the nursing facility's occupancy exceeded ninety-five percent in the preceding calendar year and eighteen percent of the nursing facility's per diem if the nursing facility's occupancy did not exceed ninety-five percent in the preceding calendar year.

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