

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION/INTERPRETATION

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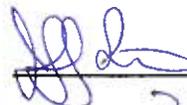
1. TYPE OF REQUEST: Follow-up to Verbal Request - Date of Verbal Request: _____ Written Request

2. STATEMENT OF QUESTION OR ISSUE: If a consumer attends a vocation/day program with one provider and has residential services with another provider, what if any, are the contract requirements/ expectations for allowing a consumer to stay home/go home early. The reasons a person may need to stay/go home could be due to illness, injury, behavior or other issues that may interfere with the safety of that person or others. We have had multiple situations occur where a consumer(s) has been sent to the work/day program and they arrive in the morning obviously ill, lethargic from multiple seizures, 1-2 days following surgery or serious illness etc. and it appears they should not have been sent to work in the first place. We see frequent situations where a consumer(s) indicates a need to go home for whatever reason and the residential provider will not allow it. They state that they are not paid for and therefore do not have staff to accommodate a person staying/coming home during the day.

References:

Answer: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) require that all individuals in Waiver Services health and safety needs are met. Therefore, the Developmental Disabilities Program, in order to meet this assurance and allow for individuals in services who are not well, due to a variety of reasons, be allowed to stay home or go home from their Day Program, by building into the billing process a range of hours which allows a provider to bill for more hours than they actually provided which should cover the costs when they need to provide staff for an ill or injured individual who needs to stay or go home from the Day Program and provide more staff hours, on occasion, than they can bill for.

References:


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