

CILA Program Bed Hold Funding Changes



The Bed Hold to Occupancy Factor funding changes will create a crisis that will affect my loved-one and the service provider:

- Service providers will receive a 5% rate increase per individual served to offset the loss of funding for absences but this amount is inadequate in comparison to the loss.
- This new provision, going from 60 days of funding to 18, is being funded on the backs of providers who are already in a precarious funding situation. Service providers may look to families to fund the loss created by this new policy.
- Our communities are beginning to come out of a two-year pandemic when visits with their loved ones were restricted by the State. Now they are being restricted again. With this speedy implementation, there has been no time to plan and make adjustments. The CILA homes are being placed in peril and placing the client's future care in jeopardy.

What families can do?

St. Coletta's top priority is the health and well-being of your loved one, so we continue to support all visits with family and friends.

- Use the chart on page 2 to understand how absences in the home affect funding.
- If you plan a holiday visit or longer vacation, please limit other extended visits throughout the year.
- Communicate your family home visit and holiday plans with your Residential Manager well in advance.
- Plan day visits with your loved-one.
- FLOOD your Legislators voicemail with calls about the issue.
- Write a letter, using some of the language we are suggesting, but adding a personal story about how this will affect your loved-one and your family. The letter should go to your State Legislator <https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/> Individual Service Coordinator (ISC) and DHS Network Facilitator, Betty Green Betty.A.Green@illinois.gov
 - Speak about the pandemic – the isolation it caused, the new restrictions to your visits caused by the new policy and how that has and will affect your loved-one and your family.
 - Speak about the State not getting your input before the new policy implementation and that insufficient notice was given to providers. (emailed 12/2 and 12/29).
 - Ask if the money set aside for my loved-one's care/bed hold is not going to the service provider, where is the money going?
 - Ask that hospital stays and nursing home rehabilitation stays be excluded or funded differently than family home visits.
- Ask friends and extended family who live in Illinois to call and write on your behalf.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Andrew Hancock, Regional Director at 847-804-3571 or AHancock@stcolettawi.org

See Examples of how absences are recorded on the next page.



Type of visit

Number of absences

Day visit with family (out for a meal, visiting at family home, shopping) returning to the CILA home on the same day they left

No absences recorded

Overnight visit (picking up from CILA home one day and returning the next, such as a Saturday to Sunday)

No absences recorded

3-day weekend with family (pick up Friday and return on a Sunday)

1 absence recorded for the Saturday they were away from the CILA home a full 24 hours. The Friday and Sunday would not be recorded as absences.

5-day hospital stay going in on a Saturday and coming back to the CILA home on the following Wednesday

3 absences recorded for the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday they were away from the CILA home. The day they left and the day they returned to the CILA home would not be counted as absences.

10-day vacation with family (leaving on a Saturday and returning to the CILA home on a Monday for a total of 10 days)

8 absences recorded for the Sunday through the following Sunday. The day they left and the day they returned would not be counted as absences.

30-day rehabilitation stay in a nursing home (transferring from a hospital admission at the beginning of the month and returning at the end)

29 absences recorded for each day absent, minus the day they returned to the CILA home. Rehab admissions include a transfer from the hospital, so we would record additional days for the length of the hospital stay as well.