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## **CMHC Providers**

### **Revision to Absenteeism Days**

KMAP is retracting the policy of noncoverage of absent days for Level V and Level VI Foster Care providers. (This notification was issued in Bulletins 641a and 641b.) Level V and Level VI Foster Care providers can be reimbursed for absent days as denoted in Section 8400 of the *Behavior Management Provider Manual*.

Information about the Kansas Medical Assistance Program as well as provider manuals and other publications are on the KMAP Web site at <https://www.kmap-state-ks.us>. For the changes resulting from this provider bulletin, please view the *Behavior Management Provider Manual*, page 8-10.

If you have any questions, please contact the KMAP Customer Service Center at 1-800-933-6593 (in-state providers) or (785)274-5990 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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- The placement of no more than one special needs foster child in each special foster home where behavior management Therapeutic Foster Care is provided with exceptions granted in writing by the licensing authority.
- A low staff-to-client ratio in each program administered by a behavior management provider to allow sufficient time to work with each child, with the foster parents, and with biological parents if they are available.
- Creation of a support system among foster parents.
- The availability of respite care for the foster parents.

**Payment of Absent Days:**

~~Level V and Level VI Foster Care services do not include any Medicaid payment for absent days. If the youth is present in the Level V or Level VI facility for any meal served during normal dining times, the facility can bill KMAP for the service that day.~~

~~Providers must document whether or not the youth is present in the facility for a meal served during normal dining times on the day any Level V or Level VI service is billed to KMAP.~~

Level V and Level VI Foster Care are reimbursed for absent days as follows:

- **Visitation** – Unlimited visitation days (within the total number of days approved for the child's stay) with a maximum of 14 days per visit are paid at the contracted per diem rate. The frequency, duration, and location of the visits must be a part of the child's individual case plan developed by the facility prior to the visitation. An approved visitation plan must be documented on an SRS form YA-3904 on file at the facility.

The day the child leaves the facility for the visit, he/she is counted as present in the facility. The day the child returns to the facility and all intervening days are counted as visit days.

- **Runaway** – Payment will be made for up to five days at the contracted per diem rate unless both placement and payment are terminated sooner by the SRS Social Service supervisor.

The day the child runs away from the facility is considered the first day. Medicaid will not make payment for more than five days per episode.

- **Detention** – Payment will be made at the contracted per diem rate up to the day before departure to the detention center. The departure day is not eligible for reimbursement.