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Q: If a resident of a long term care facility leaves the facility to spend the night with their family, does the facility need to document this as a therapeutic home visit and submit a bed reserve to HFS?

A: Since the resident is not in the facility overnight, but received services each day, it would not be a therapeutic home visit. A bed reserve would not need to be submitted. Medicaid payment would be made for each day. If the resident was out for a second night (one full day), a therapeutic home visit/bed reserve would be required.