

## **10A NCAC 13G .1106 SETTLEMENT OF COST OF CARE**

(a) If a resident of a family care home, has been notified by the facility of its intent to discharge in accordance with Rule .0705 of this Subchapter, the facility shall refund the resident an amount equal to the cost of care for the remainder of the month minus the amount charged for any nights spent in the facility during the notice period. The refund shall be made within 14 days after the resident leaves the facility. For the purposes of this Rule, "cost of care" means any monies paid by the resident or the resident's legal representative in advance for room and board and services provided by facility as agreed upon in the resident's contract.

(b) When a resident moves out of the facility without giving notice, as may be required by the facility according to Rule .0705(i) of this Subchapter, or before the facility's required notice period has elapsed, the facility shall charge the resident no more than the amount equal to the cost of care for the required notice period. If a resident receiving State-County Special Assistance moves without giving notice or before the notice period has elapsed, the facility may charge the resident for the required notice period. The facility shall refund the resident the remainder of any advance payment following settlement of the cost of care. The refund shall be made within 14 days from the date of notice or, if no notice is given, within 14 days of the resident leaving the facility.

(c) When there is an exception to the notice as provided in Rule .0705(i) of this Subchapter to protect the health or safety of the resident or others in the facility, or when there is a sudden, unexpected closure of the facility that requires the resident to relocate, the facility shall only charge the resident for any nights spent in the facility. A refund shall be made to the resident by the facility within 14 days from the date of notice.

(d) When a resident gives notice of leaving the facility, as may be required by the facility according to Rule .0705(i) of this Subchapter, and leaves at the end of the notice period, the facility shall refund the resident the remainder of any advance payment within 14 days from the date of notice. If notice is not required by the facility, the refund shall be made within 14 days after the resident leaves the facility.

(e) When a resident leaves the facility and the resident or his or her responsible person has notified the facility of the intent of returning to it, the following apply:

- (1) If the resident or their responsible party reserves their bed for a set number of days, the facility shall have written agreement for the payment for the days the bed is held in accordance with Rule .0704(a)(1)(A) of this Subchapter.
- (2) If, after leaving the facility, the resident decides not to return to it, the facility shall require no more than a 14-day written notice that he or she is not returning.
- (3) If the facility requires a 14-day written notice, the requirement shall be a part of the written agreement and explained by the facility to the resident and his or her family or responsible person before signing.
- (4) When a resident or someone acting on his or her behalf notifies the facility that he or she will not be returning to the facility, the facility shall refund the remainder of any advance payment to the resident or his or her responsible person. The refund shall include the amount equal to the cost of care for the period covered by the agreement. The refund shall be made within 14 days after notification that the resident will not be returning to the facility.
- (5) The facility shall not require payment from a resident that receives State County Special Assistance for more than 30 days unless the resident is actually residing in the facility or it is anticipated that he or she will return to the facility within 30 days.
- (6) Exceptions to the 14-day notice, if required by the facility, are cases where returning to the facility would jeopardize the health or safety of the resident or others in the facility as certified by the resident's physician or approved by the county department of social services, and in the case of the resident's death. In these cases, the facility shall provide a refund of any advance payment calculated beginning with the day the facility is notified. The facility shall provide the refund to the authorized representative with 14 days after the resident leaves the facility or within 30 days after the resident's death.

(f) If a resident dies, the administrator of his or her estate or the Clerk of Superior Court, when no administrator for his or her estate has been appointed, shall be given a refund equal to the cost of care for the month minus any nights spent in the facility during the month. This is to be done within 30 days after the resident's death.

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