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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the department of human services to provide a  
2 form for documenting the use of an exception to a limitation  
3 on the number of reserve bed days authorized for a state  
4 supplementary assistance recipient residing in a residential  
5 care facility.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. RESERVE BED DAYS DUE TO VISITS OR VACATION.  
2 The department of human services shall develop a form in a  
3 one-page or other simple-to-use format that may be used by a  
4 family member, legal guardian, or other person authorized  
5 under 441 IAC 52.1(3)(e), to provide signed documentation to a  
6 residential care facility that an individual recipient of  
7 state supplementary assistance who is a resident of the  
8 facility desires visit or vacation days in addition to the  
9 thirty days otherwise allowed and that the days are for the  
10 resident's benefit. The department shall provide copies of  
11 the form to residential care facilities and the facilities  
12 shall provide the forms, as needed, to residents' family  
13 members, legal guardians, and other persons authorized to  
14 provide the signed documentation.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill requires the department of human services to  
17 develop a form for documenting the use of an exception to the  
18 limitation on the number of reserve bed days authorized for a  
19 state supplementary assistance recipient residing in a  
20 residential care facility (RCF). Under administrative rule  
21 441 IAC 52.1(3)(e), payment to an RCF is provided for up to 30  
22 calendar days per year when a resident is absent overnight for  
23 purposes of a visit or vacation. An exception is allowed so  
24 that the 30 days may be exceeded if signed documentation is  
25 provided by the resident's family member, legal guardian,  
26 physician, case manager, or department service worker that the  
27 additional days are desired by the resident and are for the  
28 benefit of the resident. In order to be paid, the RCF must  
29 have the documentation in the resident's file for each period  
30 of absence in excess of the 30 days.

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32 form to residential care facilities and the facilities must  
33 provide the forms, as needed, to residents' family members,  
34 legal guardians, and other persons authorized to provide the  
35 signed documentation.