

Chapter 50 Resident Relocation Requirements



Contact the Department of Health Services (DHS) Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) and Division of Medicaid Services Relocation Coordinator for consultation in all the situations below.



When Chapter 50 Resident Relocation Requirements Might Apply

Facility intends to change the means of reimbursement accepted and 5% or five or more residents will be discharged.*

Facility intends to close and 5% or five or more residents will be discharged.*

Facility intends to change the type or level of services provided and 5% or five or more residents will be discharged.*

* Chapter 50 resident relocation requirements apply when at least five residents or 5% will relocate, whichever is greater.

Next Steps:

- **Review all** state and federal regulations related to discharge.
- **Review** resident relocation manual.
- **Submit** resident relocation plan to DHS.
- **Obtain** approval of resident relocation plan before discharging residents.
- **Follow** DHS directives related to relocation of residents in a safe and orderly manner in order to prevent the effects of resident relocation stress syndrome over the specified timeframes found in Chapter 50.

When Chapter 50 Resident Relocation Requirements Might Not Apply

Facility intends to reduce the census by natural attrition and no involuntary discharges are anticipated.

Facility intends to replace or renovate existing physical structure and no involuntary discharges are anticipated.

Next Steps:

- **Contact** the Board on Aging and Long Term Care Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman for technical assistance.
- **Advise** DQA and follow directives accordingly.



Contact Information

Bureau of Nursing Home Resident Care
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dqa/bnhrc-regionalmap.htm

Bureau of Assisted Living
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dqa/bal-regionalmap.htm

Division of Medicaid Services Relocation Coordinator
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/relocation/index.htm

Board on Aging and Long Term Care
longtermcare.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx

Remember:

When the change at the facility results in less than five residents or 5% of residents being discharged, other state and federal regulations apply. Review all regulations, advise DQA, and follow directives accordingly.