

Chapter 50 Resident Relocation Requirements

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Contact the Department of Health Services Division of Quality Assurance 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.

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:

- 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.

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/bnrc-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
www.longtermcare.wi.gov

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.

