

Section 11.0 FAMILY ABSENCE FROM THE DWELLING UNIT

The family must supply any information or certification requested by the LA to verify that the family is living in the unit or, if the family is absent from the unit, it must provide any LA requested information or certification on the purposes of family absences.

The family must cooperate with the LA for this purpose. The family must promptly notify the LA of its absence from the unit.

Absence means that no adult member of the family has resided in the unit for 30 or more days. The family must request permission in writing from the LA for absences that will exceed 30 days. The LA will make a determination in writing within five business days of the request. An authorized absence may not exceed 180 days. Any family absent for more than 30 days without authorization will be terminated from the program.

Authorized absences may include, but are not limited to:

- prolonged hospitalization;
- absences beyond the control of the family (e.g., death in the family, other family member illness); or
- other absences that are deemed necessary by the LA.

11.01 Confinement to Nursing Home or Hospital

If a family member is permanently confined to a hospital or nursing home and there are additional family members (s) remaining in the household, the LA will eliminate the income and medical deduction of the person permanently confined to the nursing home or hospital upon proper notification by the family.

If a reduction in bedroom size and corresponding payment standard is necessary as a result of the family member permanent confinement, the new payment standard will be effective at the second annual certification.