

OPEN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES TEMPORARILY TAKING BEDS OUT OF SERVICE

In service beds are taken out of service for a finite period of time to undertake a specific project. After completion of the project, beds are returned to service.



Reason for temporary removal

Construction authorized by DPH
105 CMR 153.028 (D)

Implementation of POC for cited significant physical plant deficiencies
105 CMR 153.028 (D)

All other cases in which in service beds are temporarily taken out of service
105 CMR 153.028 (E)

Facility required to notify DPH?

Yes
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Yes
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No

Action taken by DPH

Report revised operating bed capacity to MassHealth & CHIA
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OPEN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES PERMANENTLY TAKING BEDS OUT OF SERVICE

In service beds are taken out of service for an indefinite period of time with no plan to put the beds back into service.



Reason for permanent removal

Permanent reduction
for any reason
105 CMR 153.028 (C)

Discontinuing operation
of an entire unit
(for any period of time)*
105 CMR 153.028 (F)

Facility required to notify DPH?

Yes
105 CMR 153.028 (C)

Yes, prior to
closure of the unit
**105 CMR 153.028 (F)
& (C)**

Action taken by DPH

- Issue new facility license with revised operating bed capacity
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*Potential exception: Per 105 CMR 153.028(F), closing an entire unit for any period of time must be treated as a permanent reduction in the number of beds on the facility license. However, if there are exceptional circumstances necessitating closure of the unit for a finite period of time during which the beds in the unit will need to be out of service, and there is the intent to reopen the unit and return the beds to service when those circumstances no longer exist, then prior to closing the unit the facility licensee may request permission from the Department to treat those beds as beds temporarily out of service rather than as beds permanently out of service.