

Definitions per DSHS Policy 4.01

Emergency means a sudden, unexpected occurrence demanding immediate action.

Planned means a specific time frame for a short-term stay (STS), including admission and discharge dates.

Short-term stay (STS) means temporary residential services provided to a person on an emergency or planned basis. A short-term stay at an ICF/ID can be any number of days up to a year. Nursing Facility (NF) rules limit short-term stays to 31 days without an exception.