

# RUG-IV: What does Short Stay Rate Mean?

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## RUG-IV Case Mix Review Fact Sheet #13

### What is Case Mix?

Minnesota Case Mix is a system that classifies residents into distinct groups, called Resource Utilization Groups (RUGs), based on the resident's condition and the care the resident received at the time of the assessment. A value is assigned to each group, which is then used to calculate the daily rate of payment.

### Short Stay Rate

Minnesota Statute allows nursing facilities to elect to accept a short stay rate for all residents who stay 14 days or less. The facility does not need to complete an admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment for these short stay residents. The short stay rate is the same for all short stay residents if a facility elected to accept this rate. The rate does not have any relationship to the care the resident received.

If a resident stayed 14 days or less and the facility has elected to accept the short stay rate for short stay residents, the resident is assigned to the short stay rate, which is not a RUG category.

**Note:** Because the short stay rate is not a RUG category and is not based on an assessment of the resident's needs, the right to request a reconsideration of the resident's case mix classification does not apply for residents in a short stay facility who received this classification.

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