

582.1 Nature of lien.

Every association, corporation, county, or other institution, including a municipal corporation, maintaining a hospital in the state, which shall furnish medical or other service to any patient injured by reason of an accident not covered by the workers' compensation Act, shall, if such injured party shall assert or maintain a claim against another for damages on account of such injuries, have a lien upon that part going or belonging to such patient of any recovery or sum had or collected or to be collected by such patient, or by the patient's heirs or personal representatives in the case of the patient's death, whether by judgment or by settlement or compromise to the amount of the reasonable and necessary charges of such hospital for the treatment, care, and maintenance of such patient in such hospital up to the date of payment of such damages; provided, however, that this lien shall not in any way prejudice or interfere with any lien or contract which may be made by such patient or the patient's heirs or personal representatives with any attorney or attorneys for handling the claim on behalf of such patient, the patient's heirs, or personal representatives; provided, further, that the lien herein set forth shall not be applied or considered valid against anyone coming under the workers' compensation Act in this state.

[C35, § 10347-f5; C39, § **10347.14**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 582.1]

Footnotes

Workers' compensation, chapter 85