

CHAPTER 156
COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITALS

H. F. 298

AN ACT relating to county public hospitals, providing for free care for tuberculous patients in such hospitals, and providing for the pay of indigent patients therein from the county poor fund, and making provision for pay of hospital treatment for indigent persons having legal settlement outside the county, and to amend section three hundred forty-seven point sixteen (347.16), Code 1950.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred forty-seven point sixteen
2 (347.16), Code 1950, is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 "hospital" in line nine (9) the words "in counties with a population
4 of more than one hundred and thirty-five thousand (135,000)".

1 SEC. 2. Section three hundred forty-seven point sixteen (347.16),
2 Code 1950, is hereby further amended by inserting after the period
3 (.) in line twenty-two (22) the following new paragraphs:

4 Free care and treatment in such county public hospital in all other
5 counties to any tuberculosis* persons may be furnished to such res-
6 idents of the county as have established legal settlement in the county
7 as defined in section two hundred fifty-two point sixteen (252.16) and
8 are entitled to free care under the provisions of section two hundred
9 fifty-four point eight (254.8), Code 1950. In cases other than tuber-
10 culosis, care and treatment in such county public hospital to any
11 indigent persons shall likewise be furnished to such residents of the
12 county as have established legal settlement in the county as defined
13 in section two hundred fifty-two point sixteen (252.16), Code 1950, and
14 have been found by the board of hospital trustees to be indigent and
15 entitled to said care. In integrated counties where the board of hos-
16 pital trustees have no social service department, then under the super-
17 vision of the board of hospital trustees, the overseer of the poor or
18 the director of social welfare shall determine whether or not said
19 persons are indigent and entitled to said care. Cost of said care shall
20 be the liability of the county, and upon claim made therefor paid under
21 the authority and in the manner specified by section two hundred
22 fifty-two point thirty-five (252.35), Code 1950. Provided, however,
23 such county public hospital may provide hospital benefits to indigent
24 persons having a legal settlement outside the county and the county
25 of such persons legal settlement shall pay to such county public hos-
26 pital for the fair and reasonable cost of such care, treatment, and
27 hospitalization.

28 "A county public hospital shall not be required to provide facilities
29 for treatment of tuberculosis* persons. Where such facilities for
30 treatment of tuberculosis* persons are not available in the county
31 public hospital, care and treatment shall be provided under the pro-
32 visions of section two hundred fifty-four point one (254.1), Code
33 1950."

Approved May 21, 1953.

*According to enrolled Act.