

18 occurring subsequent to a single admission or accumulated as a con-
 19 sequence of two or more separate admissions, and thereafter to an
 20 amount not in excess of the average minimum cost of the maintenance
 21 of a physically and mentally healthy individual residing in his own
 22 home, which standard shall be established and may from time to time
 23 be revised by the department of social services. No lien imposed by
 24 section 230.25 shall exceed the amount of the liability which may be
 25 incurred under this section on account of any mentally ill person.

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CHAPTER 1159

VOLUNTARY MENTAL PATIENTS

H. F. 1240

AN ACT requiring that the county board of supervisors receive written notice at the time any resident of the county is admitted as a voluntary patient of a mental health institute.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred twenty-six point thirty-five
 2 (226.35),* unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, is amended to
 3 read as follows:

4 Any resident of the state may apply for voluntary admission for the
 5 treatment of alcoholism to Mental Health Institute, Cherokee, Iowa,
 6 Mental Health Institute, Independence, Iowa, Mental Health Institute,
 7 Clarinda, Iowa, or Mental Health Institute, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the
 8 state hospital serving the district in which he resides. This applica-
 9 tion shall be made on forms provided by the state director and under
 10 such regulations as the director may prescribe. If the superintendent
 11 shall be satisfied, after examination of the applicant by the staff, that
 12 he is in need of hospital treatment and will be benefited thereby, the
 13 superintendent may receive and care for the applicant in the state hos-
 14 pital for such a period of time as he shall deem necessary for the
 15 treatment, improvement or recovery of said patient. *Upon receiving*
 16 *the patient in the state hospital the superintendent shall at once send*
 17 *written notice of the fact to the board of supervisors of the patient's*
 18 *county of legal settlement, unless the application of the patient is*
 19 *accompanied by a statement signed by the applicant, his spouse, guard-*
 20 *ian or some other responsible person, agreeing to pay the cost of the*
 21 *applicant's hospitalization in the manner provided by section two hun-*
 22 *dred twenty-nine point forty-one (229.41) of the Code.*

1 SEC. 2. Section two hundred twenty-nine point one (229.1), un-
 2 numbered paragraph two (2), Code 1973, is amended to read as fol-
 3 lows:

4 Provided, however, that application for admission may be made on
 5 behalf of a person by his attending physician and another physician
 6 experienced in the treatment of mental diseases, for a temporary ad-
 7 mission for observation, examination, diagnosis and treatment, which

*Repealed by 65 GA, ch 1131, §51

8 admission shall not be for a period of more than thirty days and only
 9 after the written consent of said person. The application shall be
 10 made to the superintendent of the state hospital in the district in
 11 which the county of his residence is located. Said application shall
 12 not be accepted by the superintendent if by doing so it will result in
 13 an overcrowded condition or if adequate facilities are not available.
 14 *If the application is accepted the superintendent shall at once send*
 15 *written notice of the fact to the board of supervisors of the patient's*
 16 *county of legal settlement, unless the application is accompanied by*
 17 *a statement signed by the applicant, his spouse, guardian or some*
 18 *other responsible person, agreeing to pay the cost of the applicant's*
 19 *hospitalization in the manner provided by section two hundred twenty-*
 20 *nine point forty-one (229.41) of the Code. At the expiration of the*
 21 admission period, the superintendent shall make a certified report of
 22 the findings as to the mental illness of said applicant, one copy of
 23 which shall be sent to the attending physician filing the application
 24 and, if said report finds that said person is mentally ill and in need
 25 of treatment, a copy shall be sent to the commission of hospitalization
 26 of the county in which the applicant is a resident.

1 SEC. 3. Section two hundred twenty-nine point forty-two (229.42),
 2 unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, is amended to read as fol-
 3 lows:

4 If a person wishing to make application for voluntary admission to
 5 a mental hospital is unable to pay the costs of hospitalization or those
 6 responsible for such person are unable to pay such costs, application
 7 for voluntary admission, must be made to any clerk of the district
 8 court. After determining the county of legal settlement the said
 9 clerk shall, on forms provided by the state director, authorize such
 10 person's admission to a mental health hospital as a voluntary case.
 11 *The clerk shall at once provide a duplicate copy of the form to the*
 12 *county board of supervisors. The costs of the hospitalization shall be*
 13 *paid by the county of legal settlement to the state comptroller and*
 14 *credited to the general fund of the state, providing the mental health*
 15 *hospital rendering the services has certified to the county auditor of*
 16 *the responsible county the amount chargeable thereto and has sent a*
 17 *duplicate statement of such charges to the state comptroller.*

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CHAPTER 1160

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

H. F. 1060

AN ACT relating to establishment and operation of community mental health centers
 and to formulation of standards for evaluation of community mental health centers.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. **Establishment and support of com-**
 2 **munity mental health centers.** A county or affiliated counties having