

255.16 County quotas.

Subject to subsequent qualifications in this section, there shall be treated at the university hospital during each fiscal year a number of committed indigent patients from each county which bears the same relation to the total number of committed indigent patients admitted during the year as the population of the county bears to the total population of the state according to the last preceding official census. This standard applies to indigent patients, the expenses of whose commitment, transportation, care, and treatment are borne by appropriated funds, and does not govern the admission of obstetrical patients under chapter 255A or obstetrical or orthopedic patients under this chapter in accordance with eligibility standards pursuant to section 255A.5. If the number of patients admitted from any county exceeds by more than ten percent the county quota as fixed under the first sentence of this section, the charges and expenses of the care and treatment of the patients in excess of ten percent of the quota shall be paid from the funds of the county at actual cost; but if the number of excess patients from any county does not exceed ten percent, all costs, expenses, and charges incurred in their behalf shall be paid from the appropriation for the support of the hospital. Notwithstanding the quota established for a county under this section, the governor, upon a finding of necessity due to a regional or statewide economic emergency, may increase a county's quota of the number of committed indigent patients admitted to the university hospital.

[C35, § 4018-f1; C39, § **3828.147**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 255.16]

87 Acts, ch 233, §432; 90 Acts, ch 1272, § 36; 91 Acts, ch 97, §34