

**252.22 Contest between counties — chapter applicable to county public hospitals.**

When assistance is granted to a poor person having a settlement in another county, the auditor shall at once by mail notify the auditor of the county of settlement of that fact, and, within fifteen days after receipt of the notice, the auditor shall inform the auditor of the county granting assistance if the claim of settlement is disputed. If it is not, the poor person, at the request of the auditor or board of supervisors of the county of settlement, may be maintained where the person then is at the expense of the county of legal settlement, and without affecting legal settlement as provided in [section 252.16](#).

All laws relating to the support of the poor as provided by [this chapter](#) shall be applicable to care, treatment, and hospitalization provided by county public hospitals.

For the purposes of [this section](#), “auditor” means the county auditor or the auditor’s designee.

[C51, §814, 816, 817; R60, §1382, 1384, 1385; C73, §1357, 1359, 1360; C97, §2228; C24, 27, 31, 35, §5317; C39, §**3828.094**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §252.22]

[84 Acts, ch 1165, §2](#); [92 Acts, ch 1212, §12](#); [97 Acts, ch 169, §17](#)