

441—28.13(218) Applying county institutional credit balances.

28.13(1) *Definition of credit balance.* A county institutional credit balance occurs when a county has paid a debt from a state institution or an institutional program and it is later determined that all or part of the debt was not the county's responsibility. Only when an institutional debit balance has been paid by a county and all or part of the paid debit has been determined not to be the responsibility of the county can the resulting county credit be used to reduce existing or future institutional debit balances.

28.13(2) *Order of application.* County institutional credits shall be applied in the following order until all credits are exhausted or refunded:

a. A credit shall first be applied to the patient's or resident's account at the same institution that generated the credit.

b. If any credit remains after application to the patient's or resident's account, the remaining credit shall be applied to any outstanding charges at the same institution that generated the credit.

c. Any remaining credit, after application to the patient's or resident's account and to the same institution that generated the credit, shall be applied to an outstanding balance at another state institution.

(1) If a credit generated by an institution or institutional program under net budgeting is to be applied to an institution or institutional program not under net budgeting, then a transfer of funds shall be made from the applicable institutional fund or institutional program under net budgeting to the state general fund.

(2) If a credit generated by an institution that is not under net budgeting is to be applied to an institution or institutional program under net budgeting, the county may seek a refund by filing a claim to the state appeal board pursuant to 543—Chapter 3, or the county may allow the credit to remain outstanding until the county has an additional debt at a state institution or institutional program that is not under net budgeting.

(3) If a credit generated by an institution or institutional program under net budgeting is to be applied to another institution or institutional program under net budgeting, then the transfer of funds between the applicable net budgeting funds or programs shall be made through an accounting journal entry.

d. If any credit remains after applying credits as stated in paragraphs "a" to "c," the county with the remaining credit may seek a refund by filing a claim to the state appeal board pursuant to 543—Chapter 3, or the county may allow the credit to remain outstanding until such time as the county has an additional state institution or an institutional program debt.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 218.78.